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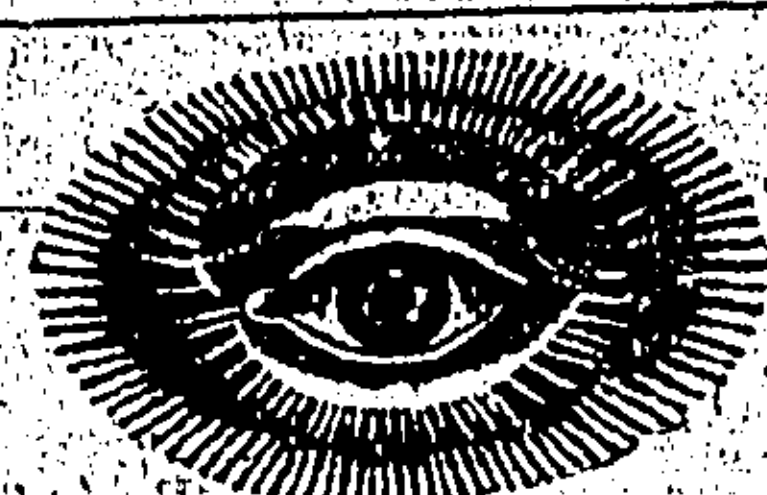
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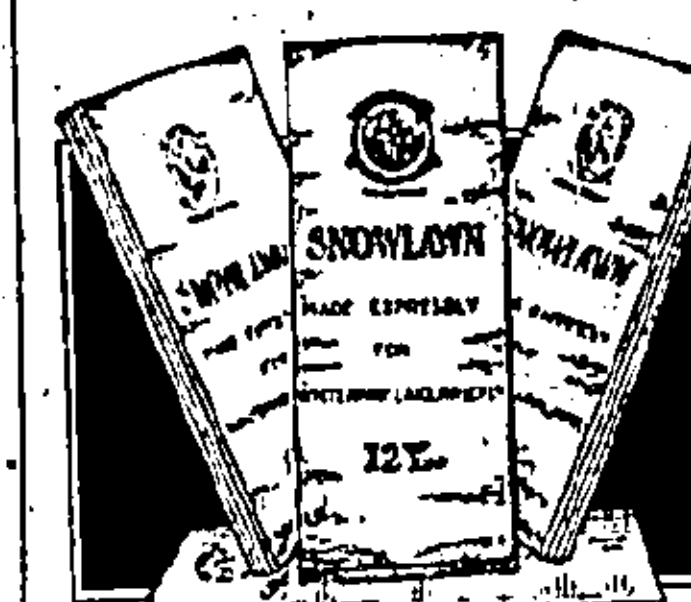
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TENSION GROWING.

HANKOW MIDDLE CLASSES LEAVING.

FOOD LOOTERS BUSY.

MR. EUGENE CHEN SEEKS FOREIGN HELP.

The tension at Hankow, where the Reds are in full control, is steadily growing. The Chinese middle classes have all left or are leaving. Food looting has occurred, and a financial crisis is expected. Mr. Eugene Chen, the Hankow Foreign Minister, has made overtures to the representatives of the leading foreign business firms with a view to the reopening of business relations, as a means of restoring confidence.

HANKOW'S FLIGHT.

Food Looting and Financial Panic.

Shanghai, April 22. To-day's wireless news from Hankow states that the Chinese inhabitants are becoming more and more uneasy. The middle classes have all left or are leaving. A financial panic is probable soon as a result of the Government's embargo on silver. There has been some food looting in the native city. The little trade that remained with Shanghai has entirely stopped for the reason that there is now no medium for effective payment in a currency acceptable by Shanghai.—Reuter.

DEFENCE MEASURES.

Advance of the Northern Troops.

Hankow, April 21. In consequence of the advance of Fengtien troops on Hankow, Nationalist troops are being moved from Wuchang to within a kilometre below Hankow. The Fengtien troops have been advancing through Honan province and are threatening districts to the north of Hankow. The Nationalist troops which have been moved up to meet the advance are those of the 4th, 8th and 10th Armies.

Food Rations.
All coal and rice is being collected by the Hankow authorities and rationed out owing to the growing acuteness of the shortage.

A house to house search in the native city is being made for all silver which the Government is taking active measures to collect. Pedestrians are liable to be stopped and searched and any silver found in their possession is taken from them. This, in fact, has already taken place, and the Government is contemplating stricter measures to deal with those withholding silver.

Overtures to Foreigners.
With a view to restoring greater confidence by means of the reopening of business relations with foreign firms, Mr. Eugene Chen has requested representatives of leading foreign business firms still remaining to meet him at an "International Conference" when the resumption of business may be discussed.

Foreign premises vacated by the owners cannot be guaranteed by the Southern Government immunity from entry and possible damage, states Mr. Eugene Chen in a notification despatched to all Consuls.—British Naval Wireless.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin's army has been pushing its way through Honan province which is held by Marshal Wu Peifu, who is reluctant to let the Fengtien men pass through for fear that his control may be overthrown.

The Fengtien men are moving southwards along the railway from Peking to Hankow, with the object of entering Hupeh province, held by the Nationalists. The movements of the Southern troops are in the nature of concentration, preparatory to meeting the Fengtien advance from Honan.

Hankow's shortage of food and the search of silver are attributed by merchants to the beginning of a Soviet regime there.

Foreign business houses have been practically closed in Hankow since the beginning of January when trouble broke out with the Chinese mob.

Nanking Suburb Shelled.
Nanking, April 21. The shelling of Hsialokwan (a suburb of Nanking) by the Shantung army (Northern Army)

who have occupied Pukow continues intermittently, otherwise there has been no change in the situation.—British Naval Wireless.

The Shantung Army (under General Chang Tsung-chang) is on the north bank of the Yangtze River, at Pukow, and the Southerners, on the south bank, at Nanking (which faces Pukow).

NANKING OUTRAGES.

America Considering Chinese Reply.

Washington, April 21. The Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, is at present engaged in studying the Cantonese reply to the Powers' protests regarding the Nanking outrages.

Reuter learns that Mr. Kellogg has not yet communicated with the American Minister at Peking regarding any reply by the United States, while the State Department hitherto has received no word from the other Powers regarding the proposal for a second joint note to the Cantonese.—Reuter's American Service.

American Airliners.
Manila, April 21. The naval transport "Gold Star" has proceeded to Shanghai with ninety-seven marine aviators aboard.—Reuter.

France's Attitude.
Paris, April 22. Regarding the preparation of the new Note which is handed to Mr. Eugene Chen, "Le Matin" remarks that the Powers must naturally take into account the split in the Cantonese ranks.

General Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese Nationalist, should not be treated like Mr. Chen, the accomplice of Borodin.

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FOR TWO DAYS.

JAPAN'S BANKS & EXCHANGES CLOSING.

Osaka, April 22. The banks, stock exchanges, cotton exchanges, etc., throughout Japan are closing to-day and tomorrow.—Reuter.

A MORATORIUM?

Tokyo, April 22. The "Asahi" reports that the question of a 20-day moratorium is to be discussed with the Privy Council, while a special session of the Diet is to be called shortly.

Though the "Asahi" professes to have obtained its information from a reliable source it is impossible to confirm the report.—Reuter.

Tokyo, April 22. It is semi-officially stated that the Government has decided to enforce a 20-day moratorium.—Reuter.

[Earlier messages relating to the Japanese financial crisis will be found in our Commercial Section on page two.]

"HERMES" PLANE DAMAGED.

A "Hermes" plane damaged one of the floats in landing alongside the air-craft carrier this morning. The plane took on a list and appeared to be taking in water.

In connection with the flight carried out from the "Kai Tak" aerodrome, Kowloon Bay, an advertisement appears in the Chinese press notifying that rewards will be paid to boat people assisting aviators who may make a forced descent in the sea.

WEATHER FORECAST.

N.E. winds, moderate, fall, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow. A belt of high pressure extends from the Yangtze Valley to the east of Japan.

MURDER FRENZY.

Details of the Mexican Horror.

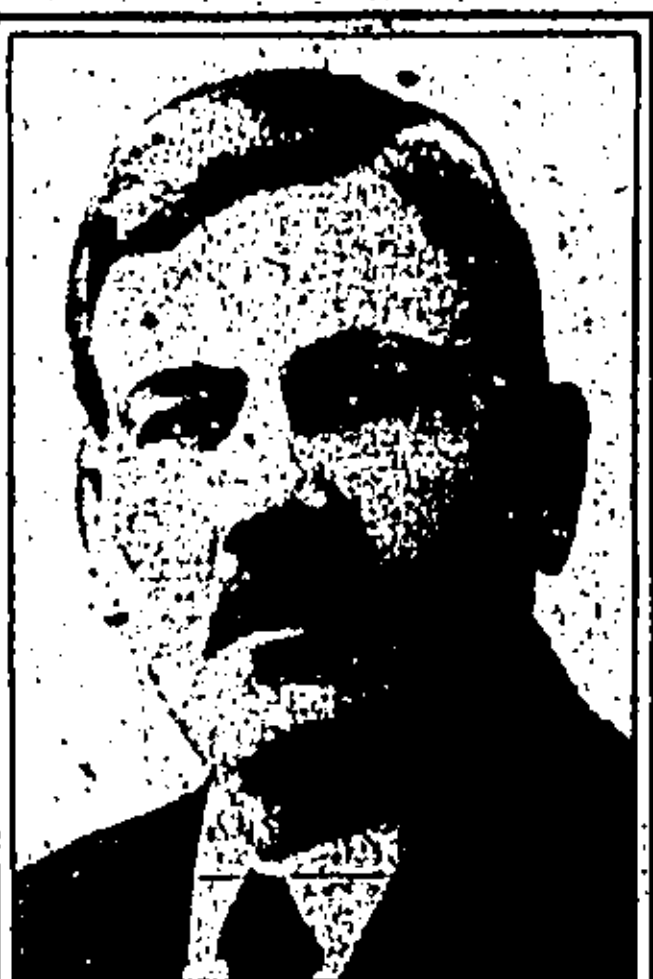
BANDITS' FIENDISH BUTCHERY.

Mexico City, April 21. About 130 passengers perished in the train hold-up cabled yesterday.

President Calles has ordered the Minister of War personally to take charge of the operations against the bandits to take them dead or alive.

The most ghastly stories of the outrage are related by the survivors.

The raid was evidently well-planned. As the train approached Limon there was a tremendous crash. The engine and two coaches were derailed at a spot where the track had been torn up.



PRESIDENT CALLES

The bandits poured a wild fusillade of bullets into the train.

Escorts' Valiant Fight. The military escort fought valiantly for three and a half hours until the last soldier had been killed.

The bandits, armed with knives and revolvers, entered the train.

"KHIVA" IN PORT.

Shanghai, April 22. The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" arrived alongside the Hongkew Wharf at seven o'clock this morning and is now unloading.—Reuter.

shooting and throat-cutting right and left.

After scenes of terrible butchery they locked the passengers in the coaches which they soaked in petrol and set afire.

Those attempting to escape from the blazing death-trap were either shot or their skulls were battered in with rifle butts.

Blood and Brains.
The sight was most horrible. Blood and brains were spattered on the sides of the carriages.

Women, soaked in petrol, were writhing in torment amid an all-pervading odour of burning human flesh.—Reuter's American Service.

Search for Bandits.

Mexico City, April 21. In spite of the fiendish ruthlessness of the train bandits, about half the passengers escaped from the blazing train at Limon, but it is believed a hundred perished.

Fifty bodies have been recovered up to the present. The office of President Calles has issued a statement blaming the "Catholic rebels" for the crime and promising "energetic pursuit of the priests who received instructions from the Episcopate in Mexico City."

Eight Government aeroplanes have been ordered to the scene of the calamity to help in the search for the bandits.—Reuter's American Service.

The First News.

[Yesterday's cables stated:—One of the worst bandit outrages in Mexico's stormy history occurred in Limon (Jalisco) when it is believed 170 train passengers and an escort of seventeen soldiers were slaughtered or burnt to death. The outlaws, after derailling the engine and butchering the passengers, locked the passengers in the coaches which were then soaked in petrol and kerosene which was set afire. The outlaws shot the victims as they attempted to escape from the blazing wreck. The entire train is reported to have been destroyed. It is not known if any passenger survived.]

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.
The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 5/16.

YUNNAN TENSION.

Bandits Seize Their Opportunity.

ENGINEER KIDNAPPED.

Paris, April 21.

A message from Hanoi states that the rivalry of the two Chinese generals in Yunnan has resulted in an outbreak which has caused anxiety, as one of the generals is known to be in close touch with the Cantonese.

Brigands have profited by the chaos to rob and plunder.

Fifteen hundred recently cut the railway between Yunnan-fu and the French Indo-China frontier.

They kidnapped a French engineer and several persons belonging to the railway staff.

The bandits are demanding ransom for the engineer, who has sent a message that he is alive and well.—Reuter.

Yunnan is the province tucked away in the south-west corner of China, adjoining Tibet, Burma and French Indo-China.

The reference to "two" generals is confusing. General Tang Chi-yao has been tuchun for years. His administration was overthrown by two subordinates, General Lung Yun and General Hu Yu-yu. It may be that one of them has a tendency towards a "working arrangement" with the Nationalists (as foreshadowed by the "China Mail's" Yunnan-fu correspondent some time ago). On the other hand, Reuter may be referring to the continuance of the quarrel between the former tuchun and his erstwhile henchmen.

General Hu Yu-yu is the most likely candidate for Nationalist harmony. After overthrowing his old chief, he may be striving with his "partner" for the sole power, or for an alliance with General Fan Shek-sang. General Fan Shek-sang commanded the strongest army of Yunnanese mercenaries in Canton a few years ago when Dr. Sun Yat-sen was still alive. To take revenge on Tuchen Tang Chi-yao, he led his own men on a punitive expedition homewards, as the Tuchen had put his father to death. That was some years ago and the son was still to enter Yunnan, his army being now somewhere in the wilds of Kwangsi province.

Banditry is rife in Yunnan. As pointed out by the "China Mail" correspondent, the authorities and the troops seldom venture out of the cities against the outlaws.

Intercourse is maintained with the outer world by means of a railway into French Indo-China, run by a French control.

CANTON QUIET.

MODERATES' FINAL MEASURES SUCCEED.

GENERAL LI'S LOYALTY.

With news to hand that movements by the Canton Government to check the Communist element at the Whampoa Cadet Academy have succeeded without any untoward incident, it may be taken that the aftermath of last Friday's coup by the Moderates has now practically subsided.

In his capacity as acting commander-in-chief at Canton in the absence of General Chiang Kai-shek, General Li Chai-sum has brought troops down the West River from Kwangsi province to reinforce the Kwangtung garrison.

The closest co-operation between Canton and the Moderates at the front is being aimed at. With Mr. Koo Ying-fan as Treasurer, General Li Chai-sum will now be able to assist Chiang Kai-shek further by financial aid. When the control was in the hands of Mr. T. V. Soong, very little of the Kwangtung surplus went to Chiang Kai-shek's soldiers, being retained for administrative purposes in Canton.

A notification was issued by Canton Military Headquarters on Wednesday assuring protection for all legitimate peasant and labour unions.

The notification says that having discovered prior that a revolt was being planned by the Ex-tremists, the Government decided

CANTON MEETING.

Australian Mission Barred.

PASSPORTS WITHHELD.

Sydney, March 31. The Federal Government will not permit Mr. J. S. Garden's delegation to attend the congress of trades unions in Canton on May 1. Unionists at the Trades Hall were amazed when the news was received to-day.

It was contained briefly in an urgent wire from the Minister for Home and Territories, which was read over the phone to Mr. Garden. The telegram was as follows:— "In view of conditions prevailing in China Minister unable to see way grant application for passports."

This was read over the telephone to Mr. Garden by an official of the Sydney Customs Office.

"Why?"

Mr. Garden who was to have led the delegation immediately despatched the following urgent wire to the Minister for Home and Territories:— "Customs apprises us refuse grant passports. Why refusal? We are going to Canton, not where fighting is at present. Kindly reply and notify us. All passages arranged."

The following telegram was sent by Mr. Garden to the president of the Melbourne Trades and Labour Council:— "Minister for Home and Territories blocked passports interview urgently. Passages all arranged." Mr. Garden had announced that under his leadership three delegates from unions were to have attended the congress in Canton. They are: Messrs. A. Middleton (president of the Painters' Union), A. E. Bennett, vice-president of the Labour Council and a member of the Coachmakers' Union and T. Wright (Shear Metal Workers' Union).

Hankow, Not Canton.

On March 24, the representative of "The Sun" at Hong Kong cabled as follows:— "The Fourth Congress of the All-China General Workers' Union, lasting a fortnight, is to be held at Hankow from May 1, to attend which invitations have been sent to the General Workers' Union in France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, and other countries. The conference will be purely Communist."

No Pan-Pacific Congress is suggested for Canton.

Mr. Garden made the following statement to-day:—

"What right has the Minister to block our passports? I have made application for a passport only to another part of the British Empire, Hong Kong, yet the Minister sees fit to refuse such a passport."

Fight to Last Moment.

The delegation was to have left Sydney on Saturday by the "Mishima Maru." Mr. Garden stated this afternoon that the delegates would fight out the question with the Federal Government until as late as next Wednesday, and even then they would have time to travel north by train and catch the "Mishima Maru."

Mr. Garden added that the delegates had purchased clothes and necessities for the voyage, and the Federal Government's refusal to grant passports had caused them the most bitter disappointment.

Minister Admits.

Late this afternoon Mr. Garden received the following urgent telegram from the secretary to the Minister for Home and Territories:— "Your telegram received to-day. Minister has given matter personal consideration but unable see way vary previous decision." Mr. Garden said he did not believe the statement that the Minister had given the matter his personal consideration, and was unable to vary the decision, because the Minister, he said, was accompanying the Duke of York this afternoon on the trip to Katoomba and the Jendolan Caves.

[The "Mishima Maru" arrived at Hong Kong yesterday but without Mr. Garden.]

CHINESE DOCTOR ROBBED.

Dr. Ma Suk-ye has reported the theft of clothing worth \$92 from his residence, No. 754, Des Voeux Road Central.

to-nip it in the bud. According-

ly, the arrest of certain leaders were made last Friday.

Protection will, however, be given as usual to all legal organisations. False accusations against genuine peasant and labour unions will be punished without leniency according to law so as to maintain peace and order in the city, observes the "Canton Gazette."

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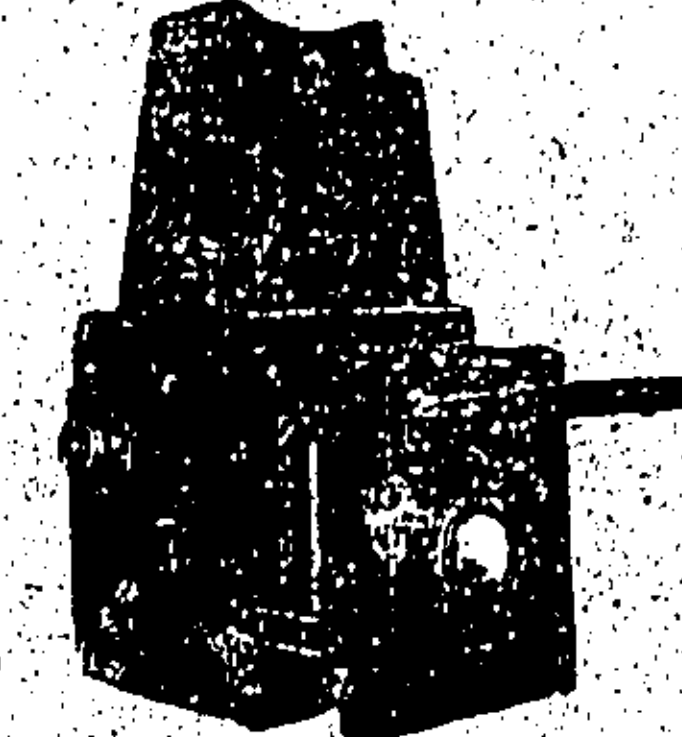
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INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES

A Stock Exchange correspondent writes to the "Economist":—"Prices in the rubber market have shown an improved tendency recently, and, apart from actual buying on a moderate scale, inquiries have arisen from many quarters which indicate an anticipation of rubber sales."

One of the causes of the abrupt check upon the enthusiasm for oil shares was the attention drawn to the meagre returns available to the buyer who bought the good-class shares. In contrast to this the

In contrast to this, the rubber market holds a good many examples of shares from which taking the last dividends as the basis of working, substantial yields are to be obtained. The prospective rubber share buyer will no doubt recognise the difference in conditions which have prevailed

The price of rubber has gone down in a manner which must cause some hesitation as to whether the recent dividends can be maintained, although the good companies

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Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin	牛	尾	肥	11
" Prime Cut				
" Corned	咸	牛	肉	
" Roast	燒	牛	肉	
" Breast	牛		腩	

"	Soup	湯	肉
"	Steak	牛	排
"	Steak Sirloin ..	牛	柳
"	Sausages	牛	腸
Bullock's Brains	牛	腦	per
" Tongue, fresh ..	牛	舌	ea

„ Tongue, corned	咸牛	開
„ Head	牛	西
„ Heart	牛	心
„ Hump, Salt	牛	肩
„ Feet	牛	脚
„ Kidneys	牛	腰

"	Tail	牛	尾	11
"	Liver	牛	肝	11
"	Tripe	牛	肚	11
Calves' Head & Feet,	牛	頭	蹄	11
Mutton Chop	羊	排	骨	11

"	Leg	羊	脾
"	Shoulder	羊	手
"	Saddle		肉
Pig's	Chitlings	猪	腸
"	Brains	猪	腦
"	Feet	猪	蹄

"	Fry	豬	什
"	Head	豬	頭
"	Heart	豬	心
"	Kidneys	豬	腰
"	Liver	豬	肝
"	Chop	豬	肉

FORE Chop	猪	肝	肝
" Leg	猪	腰	腰
" Loin	猪	後	後
" Fat or Lard	猪	油	油
Sheep's Head & Feet..	羊	頭	頭
" Heart	羊	心	心

" Kidneys	羊	腰
" Liver	羊	肝
Sucking Pigs, to order.	乳	猪
Suet, Beef	牛	油
" Mutton	羊	油
Veal	羊	油

Sausages	牛 仔 腸
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Fish.	
Barbel	鯪 魚

Bream	扁魚
Canton Fresh Water Fish. & {塘魚 名 城 淡 水 海 鮮	
Carp	鯉
Catfish	魚

Counsun	魚
Crabs	蟹
Cuttle Fish	魚
Dab	
Dace	黃魚
Dog Fish	鮫

The American Demand.

The crux of the position lies, as always, in the American demand, and at this, as usual, it is impossible to do more than guess. The Americans have been using reclaimed rubber to an extent which, be-

should ever turn to rubber shares, the good profits that are being made by well-managed companies can be pressed into the service of a speculative movement that puts optimism before logic.

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30	24	12	Chicken	鷄	lb.	55	30	31
30	23	12	Capons, Small	鷄	"	50	28	30
32	23	12	Capons, Large	鷄	"	55	28	30
30	24	22	Duck	鴨	"	45	22	21
26	20	18	Doves	鳩	each	—	22	21
32	22	10	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	22	18	

	20	20	18	Eggs, Hen (cooking).....	新鮮雞蛋	每打	20	18	—
"	30	24	22	Eggs, Hen (fresh).....	新鮮雞蛋	"	33	25	20
"	45	30	35	Fowls, Canton.....	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
"	40	26	20	Fowls, Hainan.....	笨雞	"	40	36	24
set	15	10	12	Geese.....	鵞	"	45	24	24
ch	60	50	60	Pigeons, Canton.....	白鴿	each	55	80	—

— 60 —	"	Hothow	海口	每	35	28	—
\$1.20 — \$1.20	Turkeys, Cock	火雞	每	lb.	70	—	—
24 13 14	Turkeys, Hen	火雞	每	lb.	65	51	45
34 20 18	Snipe	沙	每	each	—	—	—
each 12 10 12	Pheasant	山	每	pair	—	—	—
15 18 12	Quail	山	每	each	—	—	2

a.	25/	20	22
b.	24	18	14
"	8	6	7
t.	\$1.20	\$1.00	\$1.00
b.	48	28	—

Partridges

Fruits.

48	26	—	—	—	—	—	—
"	48	24	—	—	—	—	—
"	55	—	—	—	—	—	—
"	32	—	27	—	—	—	—
set	5	—	12	—	—	—	—
"	16	15	—	—	—	—	—

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	60	35	—
Apples (California)	金山苹果	"	24	24	—
Bananas (brides)	香蕉	"	7	4	—
Carambola	杨桃	"	—	12	—

"	28	15	18	Cocoanuts	椰 子	each	13	10	10
"	18	20	—	Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	0
each	15	10	10	Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	7	8	0
"	15	10	8	Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	32	25	80
h.	35	30	24	Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	18	—	—
"	30	25	22	Oranges		"	24	—	—

30	20	25	Pears (Canton)	梨	"	25	—	15
"	60	—	Peanuts	花生	"	14	—	—
"	32	60 70	Persimmons, Large	大紅柿	"	14	10	12
"	26	21	Plantain	香蕉	"	—	12	—
set 85	60	70	Pumelo, Siam	暹羅大果	"	—	3	—
each 14	8	7			each	12	12	6

"	15	12	10	Walnuts	合 核子	lb.	24	—	16
"	56	26	25	Grapes	香 提子	"	—	—	—
"	26	25	22						
"	30	20	18						
"	50	28	26						
"	36	20	19						

Vegetables, &c.

40	20	20						
32	—	—						
25	19	24	Artichokes	鴨 芝 竹	each	12	—	8
			Beans, Sprout	牙 菜	lb.	5	—	7
			" Long	豇 豆	"	15	8	—
			Beet Root	紅 菜	each	2	—	—

"	18	20	16	Bitter Squash	苦 瓜	lb.	10	—	—
"	16	18	16	Brinjals, Green	青 茄	"	7	5	9
"	28	16	27	" Red	紅 茄	"	7	5	8
"	28	12	0	Cabbage, Chinese	瓜 菜	"	6	5	12
"	30	20	25	" (Shanghai)	椰 菜	"	14	12	—

"	55	23	26	Cane Shoots, bunch	藤笋	"	—	—	—
"	28	16	2	Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	—	—	—
"	70	23	16	(Medium)	中椰菜花	"	—	—	—
"	20	10	9	(Small)	小椰菜花	lb.	6	6	6
"	12	10	8	Carrots	金蓮菜	"	7	6	6
"				Celery, Chinese	金蓮菜	"	8	10	6

"	20	16	—	Chillies, Dried	辣 菜 干	"	30	25	5
"	18	10	18	" Red	紅 辣 菜	"	25	10	15
"	22	20	30	" Green	綠 辣 菜	"	23	8	12
"	65	82	25	Curry Stuff, English	英 國 咖 哩 料	"	10	8	—
"	40	40	30	Cucumbers	青 瓜	"	16	2	—
"	30	18	15	Cauli	青 菜	"	10	8	—

"	24	22	18	Ginger	蒜子		每百斤	7	—	—	—
"	32	18	23	Ginger, Young	蒜苗	"	8	7	—	—	
"	60	22	18	" Old	老	"	7	10	—	—	
"	55	22	24	Horseradish, Shanghai		"	80	8	4	—	
"	50	32	21	Indian Corn	粟	"	8	45	—	—	
"	19	20	20	Lettuce	生菜	"	2	1	—	—	

"	35	32	28	Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	10	—	8
"	28	13	2	" " Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	12	—	3
"	22	16	23	Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菇	"	—	—	8
"	25	14	9	Okroes	"	"	1	10	
"	30	20	15	Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	"	9	8	3
				Green	青蔥	"	6	4	3

16	18	9	"	Shanghai	上海番頭	"	7	0	—
"	20	28	14	Parsley	芹	"	25	60	8
"	40	28	20	Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	5	8	—
"	45	36	30	"	Japanese	日本番仔	"	5	8
"	100	36	45	"	American	金山番仔	"	6	8
"	16	10	14	"			"	7	0

20	13	18	Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	5	4	4
32	22	16	Radish	蘿蔔	"	5	—	—
80	80	30	Rhubarb (Fresh)	紅菜	"	18	—	10
8	8	10	Shallots	蔥	"	9	8	—
14	10	10	Spinach	菠菜	"	7	4	—
40	26	25	Tomatoes	番茄	"	10	7	—

44	33	00	Taro	芋	瓜	5	0	—
30	22	25	Turnips, Punt (Long)	番	菜	5	4	—
22	22	13	Vegetable Marrow	番	瓜	—	4	—
30	15	12	Water Cress	水	芥	4	15	—
\$1.40	40	—	Water Lily Root	水	芋	0	0	—

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Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobereck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

April 22 to 23, 1927.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWEST WATER
	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 22	4.55 a.m. 1.1	5.57 p.m. 1.3
Sat. 23	4.55 a.m. 1.1	5.57 p.m. 1.3
Sun. 24	4.55 a.m. 1.1	5.57 p.m. 1.3
Mon. 25	4.55 a.m. 1.1	5.57 p.m. 1.3
Tues. 26	4.55 a.m. 1.1	5.57 p.m. 1.3
Wed. 27	4.55 a.m. 1.1	5.57 p.m. 1.3
Thurs. 28	4.55 a.m. 1.1	5.57 p.m. 1.3

NOTICES.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited, will be held on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of April, 1927, in the Board Room of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, HONG KONG, at 11 a.m., in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1926, confirming the appointment of two Directors and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th April to the 23rd April, 1927, both days inclusive.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1927.
By Order of the Board,
R. GUY WILKERSON,
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, 28th April, 1927, at 4 p.m., in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1926.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,

M. F. KEY,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th April, 1927.

MACAO RACES.

FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING.

Sunday, 24th April, 1927.
First Race 11.30 a.m.
Entrance to Public Enclosure 40 cts.
Entrance to Members' Stand \$2.00
Special Race Steamers will run as under:—

Saturday, 23rd April.
From Hong Kong: From Macao:
8.00 a.m. Sui An 5.00 a.m. Sui Tai
3.00 p.m. Sui Tai 2.00 p.m. Sui An

Sunday, 24th April.
From Hong Kong: From Macao:
8.00 a.m. Sui An 4.30 p.m. Sui Tai
9.00 p.m. Sui Tai 5.30 p.m. Sui An

Members are advised that they must show their badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.
Members may introduce two Ladies.
Tickets may be had on application to the Secretary, I.R.L.C. Macao Free of charge.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets may be obtained at the Entrance Gate.

NOTICES.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

THE COMMITTEE & MEMBERS will be AT HOME to all Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen in Uniform, at the Queen's Theatre, on SATURDAY, May 23rd. (ST. GEORGE'S DAY) from 2.15 p.m. until 7 p.m.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that we are now under instructions and orders from our Head Office to temporarily STOP BUSINESS FOR TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS commencing from the 18th instant because readjustment of accounts is to be made during this interval of time.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
Hong Kong, 18th April, 1927.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Suzmanager, from Tokyo.
Doris Morelle, from New York.
Underliers, from Amoy.
Hart, from Shanghai.
Kume, from Kobe.
Yee, from Shanghai.
Kachina N. Sanna, from Orel.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent

Hong Kong Station, 21st April.

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office Hong Kong.

Chalodge, from Haiphong
Blake, Repulse Bay Hotel, from London.
Mrs. Andrew Rich, S. S. Niagara, from Buffalo.
Nohron Clourman, from Tsingtau.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent
Hong Kong, 21st April, 1927.

DEAF MAN HEARS "LIES."

A defendant at Tottenham Police Court posed as being very deaf. Prosecuting solicitor was sceptical, and in an under tone said "The defendant changes his name month by month."

Defendant: That's not true.
Solicitor: I thought he would hear that. (Laughter).
Defendant: You can always hear a lie. (Loud laughter).

DELIGHTFUL PEOPLE

THE PRINCE SUMS UP THE EAST END.

SOME HEADS AND HEARTS.

"The dwellers in the East End are a delightful people. I have met them during the hours when their work is over."

This was the informal comment made by the Prince of Wales at the conclusion of the ceremony of the opening of the John Benn Hostel and Milner Hall, Stepney.

A great popular welcome was prepared for the Prince. Flags trickled into evidence even before Aldgate was reached; Commercial Road was flying every conceivable national emblem, and Bower Street was a mass of flags and streamers.

24 Years Ago.

Sir Ernest Benn opened the official proceedings, and, as President of the Last End Hostels Association, extended to the Prince a loyal and affectionate welcome, recalling how 24 years ago the Prince had been a traveller on a humble tram-car and had given a newly-minted halfpenny provided by his father to pay his fare.

Sir John Benn, as Chairman of the Highways Committee of the L.C.C., had received the fare, which was preserved as one of the most precious archives at Westminster.

"If," the Prince said, "we did not think a ship was a good ship, we should not launch it with ceremony," and with that he proceeded to relate the work that the hostel is undertaking. It was, he said, designed to give a home to boys who had no home of their own. Boys who were homeless in London had lost something that nothing could



A CHILD'S APPETITE

for sweets, ice-cream, and the other 'good things' of the table rarely knows reasonable limits. It is not always possible to exercise supervision, to restrain the child from too many helpings. A disordered digestive system is the inevitable result of this over-indulgence, with general lassitude, feverishness, stomach and bowel trouble and pain among the symptoms.

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give back to them in after life, and it was essential that those who were handling the hotel should know their job.

The Best Auspices.

It was, however, hardly possible that the hostel could have been started under better auspices. One of its godfathers was Sir John Benn, and another Lord Milner, who had never forgotten the needs of London boys. They would have been delighted to know that the institution was being called after their names. Mr. J. J. Mallon, of Toynebee Hall, through whom the scheme had come to fruition, had been fortunate in his friends. Generous support had been given to him by the Carnegie trustees, by Sir Ernest Benn, and many others.

Some people were inclined to think that for conducting such a home there was no need for administrative ability, but as a matter of fact it was as important for such a home as for the conduct of a great business.

"The boys of the East End," he said, "the boys who will be here, are boys whose native quality is very high, and whose heads and hearts are as sound as those of any boys in the world. They want light and room and food and a home and the other things necessary to turn a good sort of boy into a good sort of man. Let us see that they get them."

An Example of Service.

Viscount Burnham, in moving a vote of thanks, said that the Prince acted not with a spirit of patronage, but out of comradeship, and the Earl of Elgin, in according on behalf of the Carnegie Trustees, emphasised the importance of the personal as opposed to the monetary element in such work as had been inaugurated. The Prince, he said, set a perfect example of service and devotion to others.

The Prince then inspected every detail of the building, which includes a number of small dormitories, a gymnasium, a swimming bath, and a number of common rooms.

When the Prince left, the police allowed their cordon to be broken, and his car was surrounded by a crowd of men and women, who acclaimed him as "Our Prince."

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

London, March 28.

Efforts to find Mrs. Salome Bradshaw, widow of Mr. William Bradshaw, formerly of Walter Locke and Company, Calcutta, have proved fruitless.

She was staying in Bandols, near Toulon, with her sister, Madame Cru, during the winter.

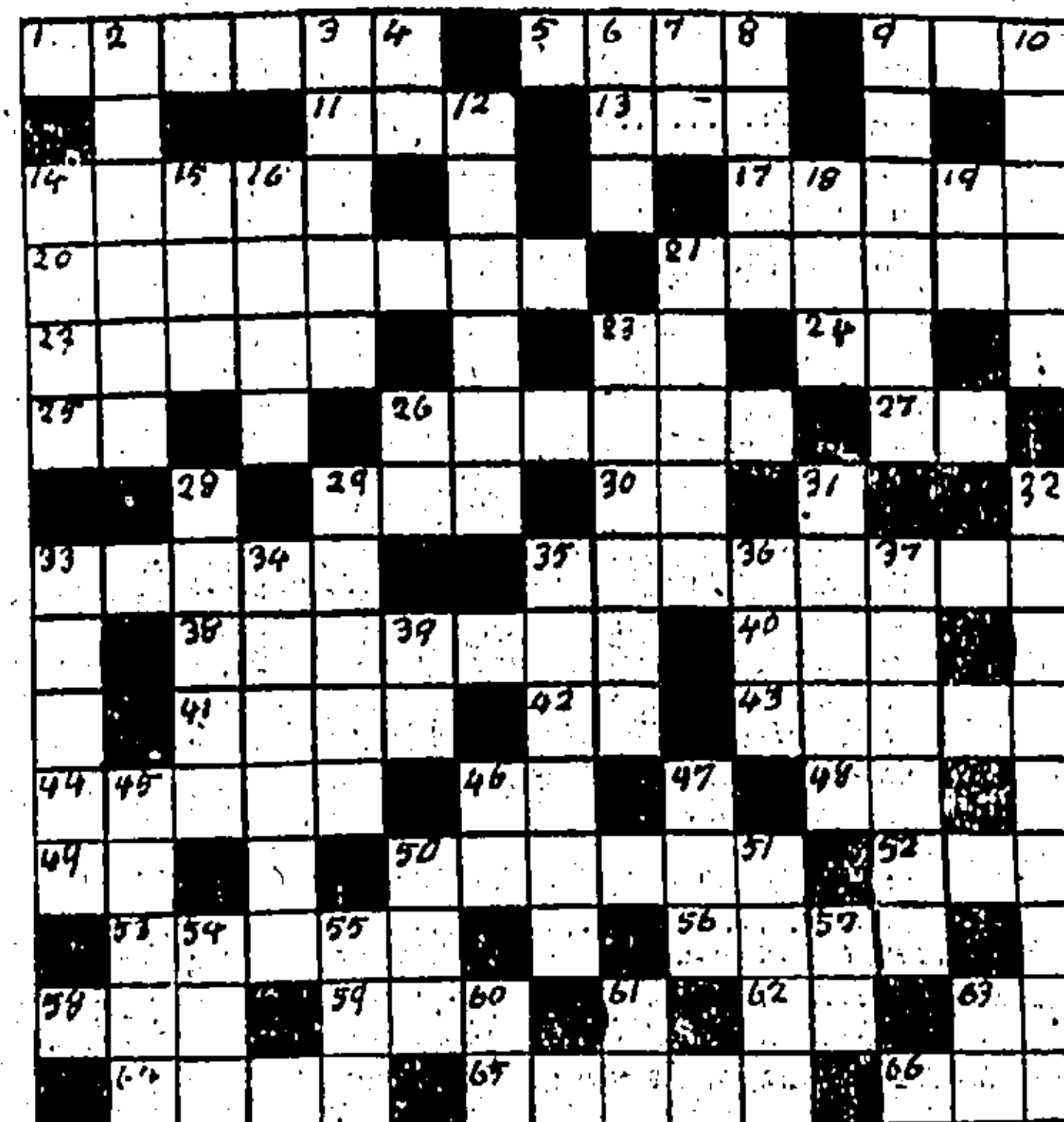
Shortly after her disappearance, clothing belonging to her was found on the beach, and it is feared that she is drowned.

Mrs. Bradshaw was the daughter of Mr. Blake, J.P., of Nailsorth.

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE. NO. 14—\$50 MUST BE WON

FIRST READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY THROUGH.

1. The PRIZES in this competition are AWARDED STRICTLY on MERIT.
2. Each solution sent in must be made on the coupon cut from the "China Mail." Any number of solutions may be sent in.
3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon. Three entries, however, may be sent in together for one dollar. Letters sent through the post must not contain coins as they will not be delivered by the Post Office.
4. No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



To "China Mail" Cross-words,"

c/o "China Mail" Offices,

No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

DEAR SIR,

I agree to abide by your rules, and I enclose.....

for solution (s) which are attached.

Name

Address

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, APRIL 25.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. To reject.
2. A fish.
3. To curve.
4. Liquid obtained from pine-trees.
5. Consumed.
6. To terrify.
7. A girl's name.
8. Motion in a circle.
9. Pertaining to the 'Pelvis.'
10. A feature.
11. South East (abbrev.).
12. Prefix meaning 'down.'
13. A point of the compass.
14. Produced by aid of the teeth.
15. In the direction of.
16. A hill.
17. A bone.
18. To tremble.
19. Appearance to hide reality.
20. The winged sandals of 'Hermes.'
21. A girl's name.
22. The handle of a sword.
23. LX (actual).
24. The nitrate of potash.
25. A loamy deposit of the Pleistocene age.
26. WU (actual).
27. Thanks!
28. Sixth note in scale.
29. A colour.
30. Abbreviation for 'numbers.'
31. A widow's right.
32. Interrogative pronoun.
33. Timid.
34. Consumed.
35. A printer's measure.
36. Same as 27 across.
37. Perception.
38. Fat and short.
39. A weight.

Clues Down.

1. To inflame.
2. To walk in pompous manner.
3. EA (actual).
4. Pres: ind: of 'Have.'
5. Denotes presence.
6. Delete.
7. A leap.
8. Footprint.
9. Lowing.
10. Deeds.
11. An important date.
12. Sharp or sour.
13. Not new.
14. NI (actual).
15. A blow.
16. A result.
17. To perform any action.
18. A machine.
19. Narrates.
20. Withdrawal.
21. To appease.
22. German emperor.
23. A little pill.
24. A mineral.
25. Floating on the surface.
26. Same as 7 down.
27. Solemn statements.
28. Us.
29. In what manner.
30. Beades.
31. Wherry part of milk.
32. The organ of sight.
33. A domestic animal.
34. The indefinite article.
35. EP (actual).
36. AD (actual).
37. Same as 27 across.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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From Hong Kong.

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BOKUYO MARU Wednesday, 8th June.

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ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 7th May.

KASHIMA MARU Saturday, 21st May.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

AKI MARU Saturday, 23rd April, at 11 a.m.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 25th May.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TOBA MARU Monday, 25th April.

LISBON MARU Thursday, 5th May.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DAKAR MARU (calls Saigon) Sunday, 15th May.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KANAGAWA MARU Saturday, 23rd April.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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SUWA MARU Monday, 2nd May.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

CHINA COAST.

NUMBER AND LIST OF THE ALL "LIGHTS."

AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

The "China Mail" acknowledges with thanks a copy of "List of Lighthouses, Light-vessels, Buoys, Beacons, etc. on the coast and river of China, 1927."

This is No. 6 of "miscellaneous series" published by the Statistical Department of the Inspectorate General of Chinese Maritime Customs, price \$2.

A very useful map is bound in the book.

Spread under the control of the various Customs districts are the following:-

	Number.
Lights	260
Light-vessels	6
Light-boats	52
Buoys	317
Beacons	1,267

Total 1,902

In this volume full details are given as to the position and nature of each mark, which will be found of great use to mariners on China waters.

DUPLICATING SIGNALS.

Correspondence is published in the Chamber of Commerce annual report regarding the desirability of duplicating the Time Ball and Typhoon Signals in a position from which they would be more readily visible from the Western area of the Harbour.

The Government reply is to the effect that arrangements have been made with the Wharf and Godown Company for the erection of a signal staff on No. 48 Godown at Kowloon Point and that the work would be undertaken by the Company at the expense of the Government.

"ILLEGAL."

SEIZURE OF A RUM SHIP CONDEMNED.

FEDERAL COURT RULING.

San Francisco, April 21.

Decent respect for the opinions of mankind, national honour, harmonious international relations and that the avoidance of war required that treaty laws shall be scrupulously observed is the opinion of the seizure of the Federal Court ruling that the seizure of the "Federalship" was illegal, and describing it as sheer aggression, trespass and contrary to the Anglo-American Treaty.—Reuter's American Service.

[The "Federalship," the largest vessel engaged in rum-running off the Pacific shipboard and recently transferred from the British to the Panamanian register, was seized early last month when about 300 miles south-west of San Francisco. The vessel had 12,500 cases of whisky on board.]

P. & O. CRUISES.

"RANCHI'S" EIGHT TRIPS THIS YEAR.

Eight cruising trips will be made this year by the P. & O. "Ranchi" of 16,600 tons, under Captain Cecil Brooks, D.S.O., R.D., R.N.R., from London, as follows:-

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June 21: Atlantic Islands and Morocco.
July 9: Norwegian Fjords.
July 23: Norwegian Fjords.
August 6: Norway, capital of Northern Europe and Finland.
August 26: Portugal, Spain, Algiers, Palma, etc.
Sept. 10: Naples, Cyprus, Greece, Constantinople, etc.

"GANDARA" REFLOATED.

London, April 5.
Gibraltar.—The steamer "Gandara" has been re-floated, and is now anchored in the Bay for examination. The water is under control.

Bullion which was transferred yesterday from the stranded liner to the strong-room of the firm in charge of the salvage to-day was shipped to Bombay on board the P. and O. steamer "Rawalpindi."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on April 17, p.m., and is due here to-day p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on April 20, at 12.30 p.m., left that port yesterday at 10 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on April 28.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on April 26, p.m., and is due here on April 26, p.m.

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JEYPORE	5,918	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	10,002	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHORT NOTICE?

LAST YEAR'S TYPHOON WARNING.

"NO JUDGMENT ERROR."

The "apparently short notice given of the September 27 typhoon last year" is the subject of reference in the Chamber of Commerce annual report (issued yesterday).

According to arguments adduced by the Chamber in correspondence with the Government, the Chamber was of opinion "that an error of judgment was made by the Director on this occasion and that he attached too great weight to an infinitesimal rise of the barometer when the instrument's tendency was undoubtedly in a downward direction."

The Director of the Royal Observatory, in the course of correspondence, refers to the phenomenal rate of travel attained by the typhoon in question after passing Pratas. As a rule the rate of travel decreased when the typhoon curved but in this case there was no evidence of a decrease, even during curvature. The relatively short warning of this gale was due in his opinion to the typhoon's change of track on the evening of September 26 and to its abnormally high rate of travel.

Typhoon Vagaries.
Owing to the vagaries of typhoons, change of direction, change of speed and the formation "secondaries," twenty-four hours warning could not in every case be guaranteed. wrote the director who also referred to the hoisting of the signal under the China Seas Storm Signal Code. Regarding the Hong Kong Storm Signal Code (Local), the Director suggested an amendment of the explanatory note appearing at the end. This note reads as follows:—

"The object of the code is to give at least 24 hours warning of a gale (Force 8 by Beaufort Scale—or 40-45 m.p.h. mean velocity by Dines Anemometer) and also warnings of expected changes in the direction and force of the wind. Owing, however, to the uncertain movements of typhoon and to insufficient telegraph observations, it will occasionally happen that Signals 2 to 5 may be displayed without a gale occurring at Hong Kong, or even Gap Rock, but the reverse is not likely to happen except in the case of typhoons forming in the vicinity and travelling rapidly towards Hong Kong, or of a located typhoon increasing its rate of progression abnormally."

The Director suggested that the words in italic should read:— "should the direction of motion of a located typhoon alter, or its rate of progression increase, abnormally."

Not Sufficient.
In the course of further correspondence, the Chamber of Commerce expressed the opinion that the hoisting of the signal under the China Seas Storm Signal Code was not a sufficient warning to Hong Kong. The Code was not under review in the present case and they were of opinion that reference to it only confused the issue.

Finally, the Government, whilst expressing regret at the short notice given in respect of the typhoon in question, wrote to the Chamber that they considered that it was due to the typhoon's change of track and to its abnormally high rate of travel, not to an error of judgment. They also considered that footnote to the Local Storm Signal Code should be amended in accordance with the proposal of the Director of the Royal Observatory.

AGED MERCHANT SEAMEN.

At the sixtieth annual meeting of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, held at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor, who presided, said that he hoped more support would be given to the institution. Men who carried on such an important national and arduous calling, as our merchant sailors, deserved the whole-hearted sympathy of every British citizen. Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., M.P., the Solicitor-General, moving the adoption of the annual report, said that the men of the sea were in truth and in fact our pensioners—they had worn themselves out in our service. As an island nation we might feel thankful that there were men who felt the call of the sea and undertook these dangers and privations in order that the people of this country might be provided with the necessities of life. The Prince of

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Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs., 28th April, at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Sun., 1st May, at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shanghai	FOOSHING	Sun., 1st May, at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Mon., 2nd May, at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Moji, Yokohama & Kobe	HOSANG	Tues., 3rd May, at 7 a.m.
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CHINESE OR LASCARS?

Are Asiatic crews composed of non-Chinese any "better defence in the event of attempted piracy than crews of Chinese?"

The point arises out of correspondence appearing in the Chamber of Commerce Annual Report as to a proposed regulation to grant exemption from the provisions of the Ordinance to every sea-going ship carrying a non-Chinese crew. The proposed regulation provided for the abolition of the exemption from the provisions of the Ordinance which has hitherto been granted to ocean-going ships carrying Chinese crews.

The Shipping Committee of the Chamber of Commerce thought it doubtful whether, in the event of attempted piracy, Asiatic crews composed of non-Chinese, such as Lascars, Javanese and Japanese, would be any better defence than crews consisting of Chinese.

Regarding "the provision for abolition of exemption from the Piracy Prevention Ordinance of ocean-going vessels carrying Chinese crews, the Chamber states that these restrictions were primarily intended to cover comparatively small boats plying in the Canton delta and were inapplicable to ocean-going vessels which merely touched at one port of the "danger-zone" and did not regularly ply with it.

"Sunning" Officers.
Regarding the "Sunning" piracy, the Chamber places on record an expression of warm appreciation of the courageous conduct and resource of the officers and crew, and regarding piracy generally, makes suggestions for the improvement of Piracy Prevention regulations.

The Chamber would welcome the practical development of the proposal for checking piracy by means of a passenger depot scheme through which passengers would pass in the presence of detectives. The ideal arrangement, it was stated, would be for passengers to go through a depot at all ports of embarkation in a similar way to that which he was suggesting for Hong Kong, and it would be fitting that the Crown Colony should set the example to China Coast Ports, where it is not unlikely the Authorities, with the assistance of the Consul and Customs Authorities, would fall into line in the general improvement for the safety of the travelling public.

Conflicting Regulations.
On the Piracy Prevention Regulations generally, the Chamber desired to emphasize the conflict that existed, in reference to the grilles, between the Piracy Prevention Regulations and the Board of Trade Regulations for Safety of Life at Sea. A grave responsibility would accrue in the event of a shipping disaster in which the presence of grilles prevented passengers from reaching the boats. At present the anomalous condition existed that shipping companies were compelled by the Piracy Prevention Regulations to take measures which the Board of Trade surveyor ought, strictly speaking, to refuse to sanction.

The Chamber endorsed the suggestion that, within the danger zone, ships fitted with Wireless Telegraphy should send out wireless messages at routine times—say every two hours—non-receipt of these messages affording an indication that something was wrong and that a piracy might have been committed.

Wales had honoured the institution by becoming its vice-patron.

The report, which showed a decrease in the year's working of over 4500, was carried.

Mr. Carleton F. Tufnell (chairman of the Committee of Management), Viscount Inchcape, Mr. E. Cathery (secretary, National Union of Sailors), Vice-Admiral George R. Mansell (Deputy-Master of Trinity House) and Mr. E. A. Harney, K.C., M.P., also spoke.



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May 24	San Francisco	Maya	June 25	Chrg. ship n July 1
June 1	Seattle	Beringia	June 29	Chrg. ship n July 5
June 7	San Francisco	Temple	July 9	Chrg. ship n July 15
June 15	Seattle	Avantia	July 13	Chrg. ship n July 19
June 21	San Francisco	Hammer	July 25	Chrg. ship n July 29
June 28	Seattle	Mauritania	July 27	Chrg. ship n Aug. 3
July 5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 6	Chrg. ship n Aug. 12
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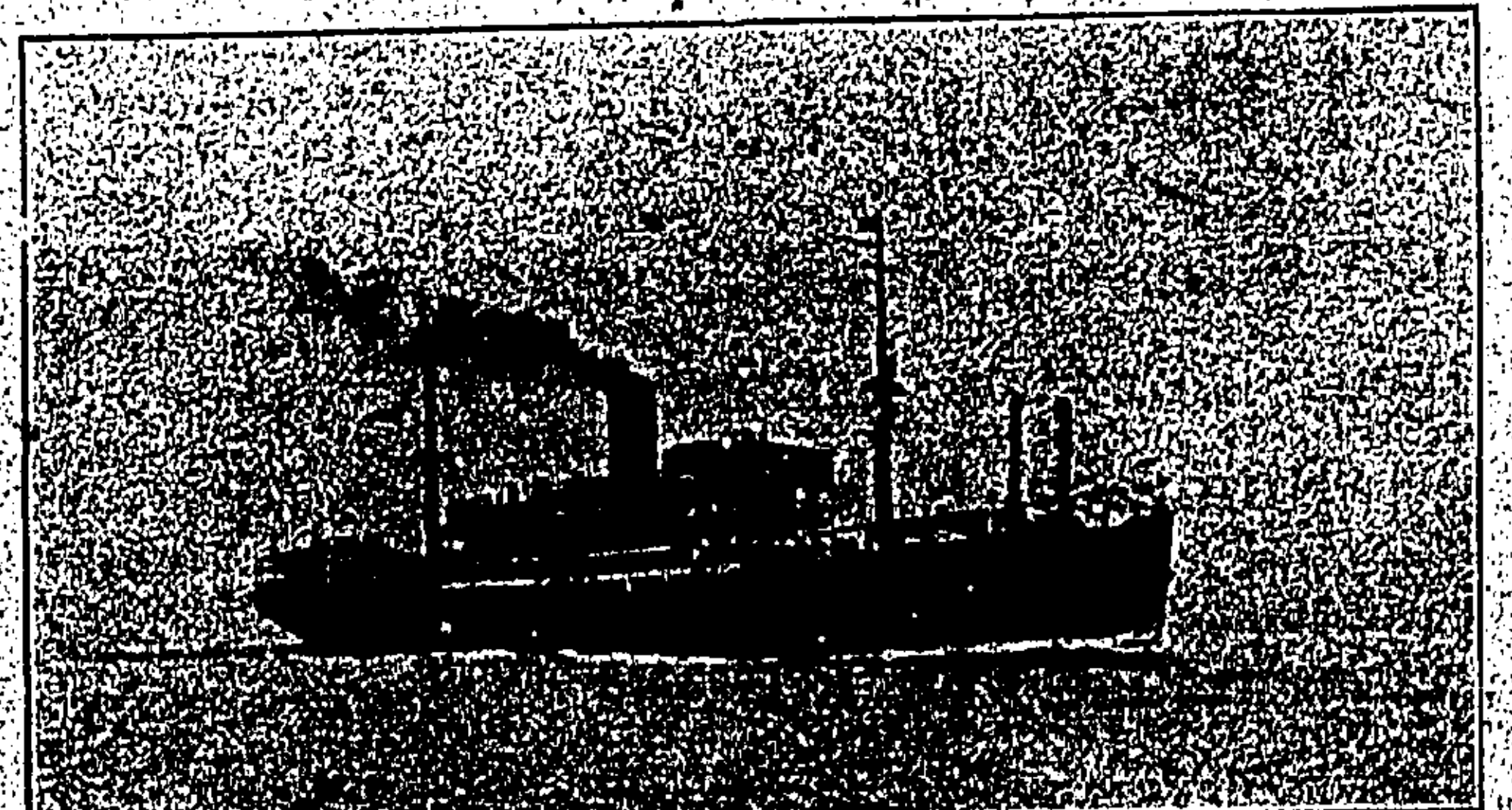
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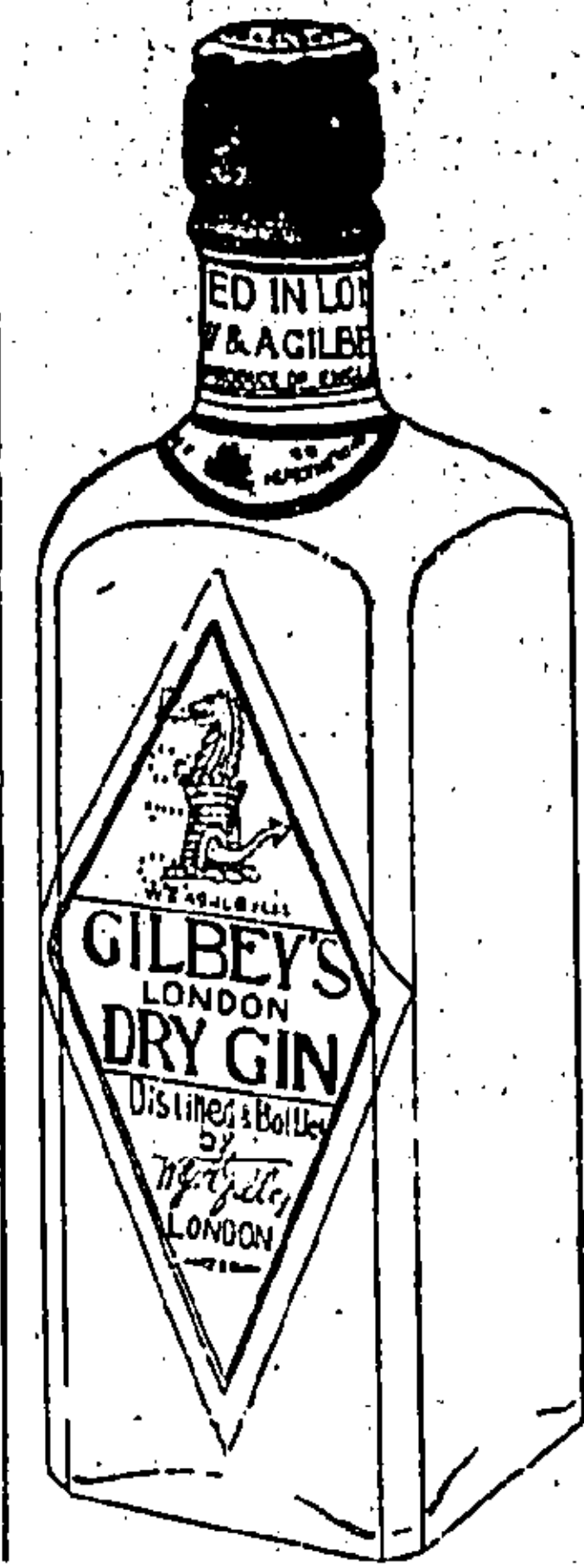
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GENERAL CHIANG AND THE FOREIGNER.

General Chiang Kai-shek, for the first time since he emerged from the ranks as a Nationalist leader, is today a free agent. The territory he controls may not be so large as the territory he controlled in conjunction with the Reds, but where he rules to-day he rules as a virtual dictator. No longer does he need to pay lip service to Kuomintang unity or to obey the behests of Moscow. To-day he can act largely as he pleases, and his future is in his own hands, to make or to mar. How will he use this new-found freedom? The foreigner has as much need to ask this question as the Chinese. General Chiang Kai-shek, it is to be presumed in the first place, will shape his policy as to keep the support of his loyal generals. That should not be difficult, since these generals, having nothing to expect from the feudalism of Marshal Chang Tso-lin and only hatred from the Hankow gang, will follow him to the last ditch. That is, of course, unless one of them—in a way that Chinese generals sometimes have—tries to make himself supreme. But the risk of this happening is not serious. Other considerations apart, such as personal integrity, military ability and executive grasp, General Chiang Kai-shek commands the support of the masses as does no other general in China, and he would be a bold man who would pit himself against this popular worship. This brings us to the next point. General Chiang Kai-shek, besides so shaping his policy as to keep the support of his loyal generals, will take special pains to preserve his enormous popularity with the masses, an asset as great as his ability as a commander. The question at once arises, how far will he go in placating, or rather, in bribing the masses. It is obvious that the answer to this question is of great moment to the foreigner. Outbreaks of mob violence, it is well known, have all been due solely to the work of the masses, and for the most part have been carried out, not by the patriotic but by the irresponsible mob. It is true also, that the anti-

foreign movement has become closely identified with the Nationalist movement, and is regarded by many Chinese, indeed, as justifying the Nationalist movement. Therefore General Chiang Kai-shek, to keep the support of the masses, may find himself compelled, unwillingly perhaps but none the less irrevocably, to retain the anti-foreign movement as part of his programme. Shortly after entering Shanghai, before his final break with the Reds, he gave tongue to utterances which the foreigner could scarcely regard as reassuring, and now we are told, in an official report from Nanking, that the new Nationalist Government will not change its views regarding "Chinese militarism and foreign imperialism." How far General Chiang Kai-shek really means this and how much he is only window-dressing remains to be seen. But the outcome will be all the difference to the foreigner, and in the present mood of the Powers, after the final enormity of the Nanking outrages, it may well be all the difference to General Chiang Kai-shek himself.

A Welcome Volume.

To the great trading community of the Colony comes the welcome annual volume known as the "Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce Report for the Year 1926." Comprising 185 pages the book is much more than a report; as that word is commonly used, it is a most useful record of everything appertaining to local trade, harbour developments, shipping interests (including piracy and their prevention), and our political and commercial relations with Canton. Whilst it may be deplored that Hong Kong lacks an Historical Society to collect and collate all and everything of interest and value connected with the Colony, the Chamber's annual report certainly fills this requirement in so far as commerce is concerned. Not an event or detail during the past year has been omitted in this admirable record. Its usefulness will be appreciated not only in relation to the forthcoming annual meeting but long after the present generation of business men has passed away. Moreover, if we are not to live a self-centred life it is necessary that the people at Home and others interested in this Empire outpost should learn at first hand all that there is to know concerning our commerce in all its varied phases. In this respect the Chamber's annual report should be equally welcomed as a concise yet complete summary of local problems for sending abroad. In short, the report speaks volumes for the activities of the Chamber during a period of abnormal stress and trial.

EMBASSY RAID.

CHINESE REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE.

Peking, April 21.
The Chinese reply to the Soviet note with regard to the Embassy raid was carried out outside the Embassy proper, the Chinese police scrupulously refraining from entering the Embassy. The note says the Chinese enjoy special immunities but that does not confer the right to carry on illegal practices. Careful examination of the documents said to still going on here, the Chinese Government is in no way complying with the demands of the Soviet. Reuter.

DR. T. W. PEARCE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPRECIATION. THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

The skilled and patient labours of the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., as Director of Studies in the Chamber of Commerce Language School is the subject of reference in the Chamber of Commerce annual report. When he went on Home leave last year, Dr. Pearce retired from this position. The Chamber of Commerce has presented Dr. Pearce with a travelling case as a mark of their appreciation of his invaluable services during ten years. In an accompanying letter it was observed that, under the guidance of Dr. Pearce, since 1916, a great many young men in business life in Hong Kong had acquired a practical knowledge of spoken Cantonese which had been of direct benefit to themselves, and of indirect value to the whole community. To the breaking down of barriers between Occidental and Oriental races in the Colony Dr. Pearce's skilled and patient labours in the Chinese Language School had largely contributed, and were deserving of the best thanks of the whole community.

JAPAN'S POLICY.

PREMIER AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Tokyo, April 21.
Discussing the new Government's diplomatic policy, Baron Tanaka, interviewed by the Press, stated that there will be a very "moderate and judicious combining of the positive and negative policies." Continuing, the Premier said: "Though the new Ministry will pursue the Seikokai's off-stated positive policy, the Government intends to exercise the greatest prudence in its application according to the requirements of the problems concerned." Reuter.

RICSHA COOLIE FINED.

A ricksha coolie employed by Moxon and Taylor, brokers, was this morning fined \$3 by Major Wilson for causing an obstruction in Des Voeux Road Central. Mr. C. A. Fulcher, of Moxon and Taylor, said he was not clear where the obstruction was alleged to have occurred. He understood the ricksha was outside the office in the lane between Powell's and Lane, Crawford's. He had always been under the impression that rickshas could park there. An Indian Sergeant said the ricksha was outside Watson's for a quarter of an hour on the morning of April 2. Mr. Fulcher apologised for giving trouble to the Court. He had no reason to disbelieve the Sergeant's statement and was satisfied that his coolie had in fact caused an obstruction. The Magistrate imposed the usual fine for a first offence.

"CONFIDENTIALLY" BANISHED.

Major Wilson this morning sentenced a Chinese to eight months' hard labour for returning from banishment. Sub-Inspector Vincent said: "I have never been to jail. I was 'confidentially' banished for ten years for receiving and selling opium. Accused returned to the Colony after an absence of four months. Accused's story was that a man in the country offered to take him to Macao and find work for him. He did not know the ship was coming to Hong Kong."

BAG LEFT IN A TAXI.

Mr. F. G. Taylor of Green Island Lighthouse last night left a leather bag containing official papers, letters, etc. in a taxi cab the number of which he does not know. Up to the time of writing the bag has not been recovered.

SINGAPORE INTIMIDATION.

Singapore, April 21.
Intimidation apparently continues in connection with the Chinese boycott of the frame and boycotting circulars and posters have been distributed signed "Members of the Singapore Plain Clothes Army." Reuter.

The master of the *Wat On*, No. 210, Wing Lok Street yesterday entrusted a coolie with \$500 to deliver to the *Shui Fung* Kik drug shop in Bonham Street. The man is reported to have absconded with the money. The master of the *Wat On* entered No. 188, Wung Street early this morning and made a haul of clothing worth \$100 and \$3 in money. A couple of hours after the haul had been reported the police recovered all the stolen clothing from the empty house next door. No arrest was made.

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK BANDSMEN ENROLLED

This week's orders (issued to-day) for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps are as under:—
Recruits Parade.
On Tuesday, April 25, all recruits of the Corps will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform optional, belt, braces and pouches, rifle and bayonet.
Lecture.
On Friday, April 22, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. a lecture on Aerial Survey will be given by O.C. Military Survey Section, Royal Engineers. Signal Class.
Trained men of No. 4 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll. Dress: Muff.
Artillery & Engineer Co's.
Musketry Part I will be fired by the above Companies at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 24. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll.
As this is the last Sunday allotted to these Companies for Part I, all those who have not fired must endeavour to attend.
Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 10 a.m.
Dress: Uniform or muff optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches and belts must be taken as the whole Part I. Course must be fired in drill order, whether over uniform or muff.
Arms must be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 23, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Engineer Company.
The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the Engineer Co. on Wednesday, April 27, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.
Mounted Infantry Co.
Recruits will parade at Stables on Thursday, April 28, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.
Armoured Car Co.
Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, April 25. Dress: Muff.
All N.C.O.'s will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28. Dress: Muff.
Scottish Co.
Members of the Company are reminded that Part I. Musketry will take place on Sunday, May 1, at Stonecutters Range for those who have not fired this season.
Thursday, April 28, at 5.30 p.m.:—All Platoons at Corps Headquarters for Arms Drill and Guard Mounting. Dress: Muff, rifle, bayonet, belt, braces and pouches.
Portuguese Co.
The Portuguese Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, April 22. Dress: Muff, rifle, bayonet, belt, braces and pouches.
Strength.
The following are taken on the strength and posted as under:
No. 1205 Pte. M. A. Silva, No. 9 Platoon.
No. 1218 Pte. A. E. Pritchard, No. 1 Platoon.
No. 1214 Pte. A. J. Baker, M.I. Company.
No. 1215 Pte. A. M. Luz, No. 9 Platoon.
Corps Military Band.
The following have been enrolled in the Corps as Bandmen and are attached for discipline and administration to Corps Headquarters. They will be known as the Corps Military Band.
No. 1206 Pte. S. Olais.
No. 1207 Pte. A. M. Souza.
No. 1208 Pte. C. V. F. Roza.
No. 1209 Pte. H. M. F. Xavier.
No. 1210 Pte. A. F. Silva.
No. 1211 Pte. F. A. Baptista.
No. 1212 Pte. R. A. Pereira.
Appointment.
H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Gunther T. A. Baptista, 10 be Second Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from April 11.
Transfer.
No. 1204 Pte. D. Baptista is transferred from No. 10 Platoon to No. 4 Platoon.
Leave.
No. 1028 Pte. F. B. Gumley, M.I. Company, is granted an extension of leave from March 4, till return to the Colony.
No. 1123 Sgt. J. A. Howe, Reserve Co., from April 30, to Feb. 28, 1928.
Resignations.
The following are permitted to resign from the Corps as under:—
No. 1087 L/Serjt. M. B. Conannon, M.C. Artillery Co.
No. 500 Corpl. G. Marshall, No. 4 Platoon, Defence Co.
No. 641 Pte. T. Williams, Reserve Co.
No. 764 Spr. F. C. Berry, Engineer Co.
NOTICES.
1. A meeting of all Company Commanders and as many Officers as possible will take place at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, April 25, at 5.30 p.m. to discuss the future training programme of the Corps.
2. The undermentioned amounts have been collected for Dr. Barnardo's Home:—
Sergeants' Mess, £25.20.
Canteen, £4.20.
Draft for this amount has been forwarded to Secretary, Dr. Barnardo's Home.
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Members of the above Companies who will be attending the dinner

HAWKER'S LICENCE.

ALLEGATION AGAINST POLICE WITHDRAWN. CAMELS AND HONG KONG.

Mr. S. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, entered a spirited protest against an allegation of malicious prosecution made against a Chinese constable in the course of the hearing of a case before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.
Mr. Horace Lo defended a hawk who was arrested in Morrison Street on Wednesday for hawking camp beds without a licence and at the outset made the allegation which Mr. Wolfe objected to. The case was allowed to proceed and it was not until the close that Mr. Wolfe entered his protest. The Chinese constable concerned said he saw the accused with some camp beds on the footpath in Morrison Street. After a man had asked the price of the beds, witness went up to accused and having ascertained that he had no licence for hawking arrested him.
Mr. Lindell said a sale must be proved. The constable had said that the man only asked the price. Mr. Wolfe contended that it was not necessary to prove sale under the Ordinance which said anyone selling or attempting to sell must possess a licence.
In support of his allegation of malicious prosecution Mr. Lo said defendant was the fook of a shop at No. 4B Morrison Street, which sold camp beds. The constable had previously been there and was shown the shop's licence. In spite of that he arrested accused, the following day.
Answering Mr. Wolfe the constable said other shops in the street who had their wares displayed in the street had a hawk's licence as well as a shop licence.
Here Mr. Lo said that there had been a misunderstanding as far as his allegation was concerned. In view of the fact that other shops selling goods outside possessed a hawk's licence, he felt his allegation was unjustified and he withdrew it. Mr. Lo stated, however, that he could prove his client was not hawking. According to Lindell a hawk was a person travelling with goods on a horse or other beast of burden from house to house.
Mr. Wolfe: We have no camels here. (Laughter).
After further discussion the charge was amended to one of obstruction and of this Mr. Lindell convicted and imposed a fine of \$5.
Mr. Wolfe: "I would like to protest against the allegation which was made against the police. It is without foundation. I agree that Mr. Lo must have felt justified in bringing it forward, but I think perhaps a little enquiry might have been made."
Mr. Lindell: Mr. Lo is bound by instructions.
Mr. Wolfe: That may be so, but allegation will be broadcast in every paper in the Colony.
Mr. Lindell: There may not be reporters here.
Mr. Wolfe: I maintain that if proper enquiries were made the allegations would never have been brought forward. I did not make all kinds of remarks against the defence; and then say I am sorry. It seems to me that there ought to be a certain amount of previous enquiry. The present charge is not well founded and therefore one should be more careful.
Mr. Lo replied that in view of what the Magistrate had said, he did not think it was incumbent upon him to say more, beyond the fact that he was not in a position to make any enquiries, and that he did not see where he could have got further information, unless the Police chose to tell him beforehand.

LOCAL RADIO.

SHORT WAVE WORKING WITH ENGLAND.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE?

Local progress in wireless telegraphy is reported in the Chamber of Commerce annual report. The installation of additional sets is commented on; also improvements to existing plant. The reception of the "Rugby Press" has resulted in approximately a quarter of a million words being received direct from England and distributed free of cost to local papers. It is hoped still further to improve the service this year. Progress in connection with the Government School of Wireless Telegraphy is reported. Short wave working with England has been effected on 240 watt transmitter. It is hoped to obtain a more powerful transmitter and to establish the service on a commercial basis during 1927 or early 1928.
and concert to be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, May 2, commencing at 7.45 p.m. may procure tickets from the following:—
2/Lieut. R. L. Montvair, A.C. Co.
2/Lieut. R. E. Hancock, A.C. Co.
C.S.M. R. H. Chikley, M.I. Co.
C.S.M. A. C. Groves, A.C. Co.
C.Q.M.S. A. E. Kew, A.C. Co.
C.Q.M.S. G. W. Savell, M.I. Co.
Berjt. A. Hutton-Potts, M.I. Co.
Corpl. Ho Lung, A.C. Co.
1/Corpl. K. G. Ho, Med. Sec.
1/Corpl. R. R. Bonfield, A.S.O.
1/Corpl. R. A. D. Co.

TENSION GROWING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The French Government is specially desirous not to give any shock to the Chinese people whose true sentiments are now known and are worth being considered.—Havas.

MR. BLAND'S VIEWS.

"Every Leader In The Pay of Somebody."

London, April 21. "If the Shanghai Settlement is handed over, even as a modified Chinese municipality, it would mean an immediate end to the prosperity of the Settlement and the destruction of British trade throughout China," declared Mr. J. O. P. Bland in the course of an address on China at the Aldwych Club.

Mr. Bland added that an attitude of patience and conciliation in China had invariably led to war.

"I think the Hankow agreement must be abrogated or worse things will follow."

Mr. Bland did not think the Christian missions had brought peace to China, nor did he think Moscow would have a permanent effect on China.

Every leader in China was either in the pay of somebody or was prepared to be in the pay of somebody.

"For some millions of roubles I would guarantee to get a pro-British movement in China tomorrow."—Reuter.

UNIONS THANKED.

A Message From General Chiang.

General Chiang Kai-shek declares that he admitted the Communist Party into the Kuomintang "out of respect to the wishes of the late Director," meaning Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

He agrees that the Extremists must be curbed. On April 11—the Canton coup did not take place till April 15—he sent the following message to a number of "Moderate" institutions in Canton:

"I have received comrade Hu Ching-an and duly noted your letter. You have given me a quite clear account of the root of the troubles in the present situation as well as the evil intrigues of the Extremists.

"The measures to deal with same as proposed by you are also practicable. You have therefore my highest esteem for your enthusiasm towards the Party and the nation.

Cannot Throw My Duty Over. "Out of respect for the wishes of our late Director in admitting the Chinese Communist, I have since the North Expedition been treating them with sincerity, without discrimination, hoping that we could work hand in hand to accomplish the National Revolution.

"Quite unexpectedly, some elements of the Communist Party were of different opinion. They tried to disturb the rear and to discourage our forces when the fighting was at its height before the capture of Shanghai and Nanking.

"Being entrusted by the Party with a great responsibility, I cannot throw my duty over under such vexatious circumstances. All I have to do is to adhere to my original resolution of sacrificing myself for the revolution and to support the 'Three People's Principles' in order to console the spirit of our late Director in heaven.

"I have again to thank you for your appreciation and hope that you will unite yourself strenuously to save the party and the nation."

The Loyal Unions.

The above message (states the "Canton Gazette") was in reply to the following:

General Labour Union of Kwangtung.
Mechanics Labour Union of Kwangtung.
Revolutionary Workers Joint Federation of Kwangtung.
Oil Workers General Union of Kwangtung.
Students Union of Kwangtung.
Students Union of Canton.
Women's Movement General Alliance.

Trial of Those Arrested. A meeting of Canton's Special Committee (appointed General Chiang Kai-shek's loyalists) was held on Tuesday at Military Headquarters. Present at the meeting were: General Li Chai-sun, Chen Fu-muk, General Tang Yin-wa, (Commissioner of Police), and General Li Fook-lem. Following proposals were passed:

In connection with the appeal submitted by the Revolutionary Workers' Joint Union, for the return of articles seized from the headquarters of the Tea Shop and Restaurant Union, it was decided that workers arrested during these few days should be released.

MODERN ROMULUS.

CHILD RESCUED FROM WOLVES' CAVE.

DISPLAY OF ANIMAL TRAITS.

Bombay, April 5.

A jungle child, discovered by some herdsmen in a wolves' cave far from human habitation at Malwan, 75 miles from Allahabad, now is in the workhouse in Allahabad, under medical observation, preparatory to being taken to the Bareilly Mental Home.

The child is a boy, judged to be between seven and twelve years old, and is under-nourished and shows distinct signs of mental deficiency.

In appearance he is little different from an ordinary child, but in his actions he betrays signs of his upbringing. The child can walk, but in moments of what are considered to be abnormality, he evidently prefers to crawl, sitting on his haunches with his legs curled up, and propelling himself forward with the palms of his hands on the ground. Indeed, the knees and palms bear evidence of frequent dragging on hard ground.

He is now being fed on meat and other foods, which he appreciates, but it is noticeable that he shows little preference towards this type of food.

Grass as Food.

Frequently he eats grass and the earth of the compound into which he is taken in the cool of the evening. The boy shows a prodigious appetite at all times and apparently there is no limit to the extent to which he can eat.

The facts given by the herdsmen who discovered the boy are substantiated by the police, who visited the wolves' cave after the event, and found evidence of the boy's footmarks in the cave.

While in Allahabad he frequently has gone into fits, when evidence of his animal up-bringing are still more marked.

He has become ferocious on several occasions, and attacked two burly policemen who are his guardians in the dormitory of the workhouse, and he also has bitten himself, and shows signs of sores on his shoulders and legs.

Then the most remarkable signs of his animal existence were seen, for he employed as the only means of vocal expression a species of bark, continuously and vigorously.

He also betrays certain instincts even lower than the animals.

No claim has been made for the boy.

MYSTERIOUS.

ESCAPE OF TWO YOUNG GIRLS.

A VISIT TO BRIGHTON.

London, April 5.

Dr. is Hunt, aged fifteen, took Phyllis Norton, aged 4, both daughters of policemen, to see the boat race on Saturday, but did not return to their homes in King's Cross.

Doris is believed to have had only eight pence in her possession at the time of their disappearance.

The anxiety felt throughout the country at their disappearance was relieved by the news of their discovery to-day, at the principal hotel in Chichester, whose Manager recognised their photograph in the newspapers.

Both children are extremely reluctant as to their adventures, but apparently after seeing the boat race they went to Brighton, spent the night in the open, and turned up at Chichester on Sunday night.

A railway porter took them to the hotel, where Doris registered her correct name and address. She settled the bill with a pound note, and on Monday departed, ostensibly for Bognor, but went to Brighton, changing another pound note at the station.

She returned to Chichester yesterday evening.

GREAT JAPANESE FIRE.

Tokyo, April 21.

There was a great conflagration at Kanazawa, on the West coast of Japan early this morning. One thousand buildings, including hotels, schools, and a hospital were destroyed. There are no further details.—Reuter.

the Military Control Committee, and things seized will be returned when the Union has appointed a reorganising committee.

Telegram a report on the measures taken by the authorities at Canton to purge the Kuomintang of Extremists to the Central Executive and Control Joint Committee Conference, at Nanking.

Issue a notification to prohibit oppression of the peasants' unions by people's militia and rowdies. Labour unions may not be dissolved without the order of the Special Committee.

The three railways, Canton-Hankow, Canton-Shanghai, and Canton-Kowloon, will henceforth be under the control of the Reconstruction Department.

To add two members, Foo Sze-ling, and Ho Sze-yuan to the Propaganda Committee; two members, Au-yang Hui and Hsieh Kin-sing, to the Military Control Committee; and two members, Wong Kwong-shun and Hsieh Sin-ting, to the Economic Movement Committee.

PROS. & AMATEURS.

THEIR INFLUENCE IN SPORT.

KEEN Y.M.C.A. DEBATE.

A motion that Professionalism does not improve Sport was defeated at the Y.M.C.A. last night after an interesting debate in which the affirmative was led by Mr. T. J. Price, seconded by Mr. T. V. Harmon and the negative by Dr. F. Aston, seconded by Mr. A. C. Howell.

Mr. Price claimed that the effect of the introduction of professionalism had been to put sport into another plane. It was no longer regarded, as it should be, as a relaxation, but as a thrilling spectacle which no doubt afforded thousands a thrill from somewhat monotonous work but was alien to the true interpretation of sport as a recreation for participants. Sport had become a question of money against money, players being bought from all over the country to represent a town or district with which they had nothing in common.

Mr. Price quoted his own native town which, finding that it had a chance of winning a county league, had sought to improve its position by importing players from elsewhere. They had succeeded in winning the League that season, but at what cost? When it came to the next season and funds were too low to allow the importation of professionals, local players who had been turned down before for "imported products" refused to play. The last state of this village was worse than the first, and so it was with sport to-day owing to the elimination of sport played for itself and its development into a commercial proposition.

"Fifthy Lucie." Dr. Ashton, in reply, referred to county cricket and to a match he had witnessed recently when Hobbs made his first appearance after beating Grace's record of centuries. He supposed, if he were at one with Mr. Price, that he should have shuddered at the thought of all the "fifthy lucie" Hobbs had received for those numerous centuries, but curiously enough, he found himself experiencing a thrill of pride of his country which had produced such an exponent of the game and such a sportsman (applause)—one who through his lowly circumstances would not have had the opportunity of so benefitting his play unless he had commercialised his inherent talent as others in professional and business careers had commercialised their business or professional abilities.

Professionals were sportsmen, said Dr. Ashton. It would be absurd, for instance, to suggest that because a musician received money for playing he ceased to be a musician.

He was not suggesting for a moment that all sporting players should become professionals, said Dr. Ashton, but what he did say was that professional games had aroused interest in the particular sports in question. This was seen by the growth of sport since the introduction of professionalism.

Whilst there were only 6,000 professionals registered in England there were over three-quarters of a million amateur players registered besides the thousands who took part in the game without being registered.

Professionalism had raised immeasurably the standard of games in general. It had fostered interest in them and prompted others to take them up. Professionals had shown everyone how to play and people went to see them exercise their skill because spectators knew a good game when they saw one.

The Poor Referee. Mr. T. V. Harmon, seconding for the affirmative, referred to the lengths to which professionalism had gone in America where the game was seldom played for its own sake but for the sake of the salaries which promoters were willing to pay for staging anything. In certain colleges the professional coaches received more in salary than the Headmasters. That was where England would "get it" if it allowed professionalism to grow as it was growing.

The Rugby Union and Hockey Union were striving hard to combat this in barring professionals from their games. The result was that there was a different class of spectators and a certain more sporting atmosphere about any Rugby Union or Hockey game. The referees were certainly not considered fortunate if he escaped with his life, as he often was in professional football, where professionals had tended to encourage the passing of huge sums of money in betting on the results of games.

Mr. Howell, seconding the negative, said that they had to consider whether professionalism

SOVIET DECREE.

THE DEATH PENALTY FOR STRIKERS.

BRITISH SOCIALISTS' SETBACK.

London, April 7.

The Socialist agitation against the Strike (Trade Unions) Bill, which already has fallen flat, received a further setback by receipt of news from Moscow that the Supreme Council of National Economy have authorised, in a new decree, severer penalties for strikes and strikers in Russia.

Heretofore, strikes have been forbidden, but the former decree failed to provide strict measures for punishment.

The revised decree classifies strikes with counter-revolutionary activities, which permits the Government to impose the death penalty.

The Council's order describes a strike as "an economic weapon in the hands of the workers," which, under an Imperial Government, causes economic losses without bettering the condition of the workers.

SOVIET CONGRESS.

FRIENDLY FOREIGN RELATIONS URGED.

Moscow, April 21.

The All-Russian Congress of Soviets in closing its session passed a unanimous resolution urging the consolidation of friendly relations with foreign states. The resolution pointed out that the peaceful activities of the Soviet met with great difficulties in view of the growing hostility of the governments of certain Powers toward the Soviet. It trusted that the Government would be ready to resist any new attempt to provoke Russia to war.

It sympathized with the Chinese national liberative movement and approved the Government's policy in China which was based on the recognition of China's full sovereignty and the full renunciation by the Soviet of the special privileges enjoyed by foreigners in China.—Reuter.

SHAW WINS.

AMERICAN COURT GRANTS INJUNCTION.

London, April 7.

New York.—The Court has granted Mr. G. Bernard Shaw an interim injunction against Mr. Page prohibiting the issue of a book wherein certain letters which passed between the parties appear.

The question of making this injunction perpetual, and the awarding of damages, have not yet been argued.

[A New York despatch of February 3 read:—Mr. G. Bernard Shaw has started legal proceedings for an injunction against Mr. William Page, an American theatrical manager, and the latter's publishers and printer, to restrain them from publishing without permission, four letters written by Mr. Shaw to Mr. Page 25 years ago. With regard to the production of some of his plays in New York, which Mr. Page has incorporated in a book, Mr. Shaw is also claiming 100,000 dollars as damages.]

OFFICER'S SUICIDE.

TRAGEDY OF A VIMY RIDGE HERO.

London, April 5.

New York.—The discovery of the body of the night watchman of a skyscraper led to the disclosure of a sad story of a distinguished British officer falling on evil times.

It transpires that deceased was formerly Colonel John Brown, who gained the D.S.O. and was second in command of the famous 73rd Canadian Infantry Regiment in France, which had been decimated at Vimy Ridge.

The Colonel, after the war, drifted into menial occupations in New York.

Penitence, he put an end to his career by inhaling gas in a poorly furnished room.

Members of the Great War Veterans' Society are providing a soldier's funeral.

had improved sport and facts spoke for themselves. It would be foolish for the opposition to say that amateurs could even hold their own let alone beat the professionals in the various games. This was no reflection on the ability of the amateur, because when a professional took up any game or branch of sport he adopted it as a means of livelihood and it behooved him to perfect himself in all its phases just as business men tried to learn all they could about the work they had to do day by day. Professionals played in all games gave better performance because they had studied the game in all its aspects, packing it in a scientific manner and not as an exercise or pastime. Others were able to watch and pick up points which would enable them to improve their own game.

Others who contributed to the debate were Messrs. Munn, E. R. Price, Strange, and the Rev. Withersbach.

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This is not the case with "The Temptress," the adaptation from Vicente Blasco Ibanez's novel which is the principal feature at the Queen's until Saturday. Care has certainly been devoted to the staging and grouping of the performers and the lighting and scenic effects, but through it all runs a plot of considerable dramatic intensity in which the central theme is the influence for good, or bad, according to his temperament, that a beautiful woman can have on one with whom her life is bound.

"The Temptress" is a typically Ibanez story. It is an artistic treat and a fine play.

MASSSED BANDS.

PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY'S CONCERT.

The bands who are giving the concert at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday night (at 9.30 p.m.) are those of the 1st/Cameronians and the 2nd/King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The following is the programme:—

March of the Peers, (Sullivan).
Overture, "Maritana" (Wallace).
Selection, "Squire's Songs," (Squire).

Suit in F. (Hofel).
Humorous Variations, "Three Blind Mice," (Lottner).
Three Dances from Henry VIII, (German).

Selection, "Iolanthe," (Sullivan).
Grand Military Tattoo, (Rogan).

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 22—Queen's Theatre: "The Temptress."
April 22—World Theatre: "Mona Vanna."
April 22—Star Theatre: "Our Hospitality."

April 22—Third dance of the Hong Kong Dance Club, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.
April 22—Dance at United Services Recreation Club, 9.15 p.m.

April 22—Cafe Restaurant Parisien tea dance, 4.30 p.m.; dinner dance, 8 p.m.
April 22—St. George's Day, Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

April 22—Concert for Servicemen at the "Cheer O," Y.M.C.A., Chatter Road.

Sports.

April 24—"Friendly" ping-pong match between South China Athletic Assn. and Wah Yan Old Boys' Union, at Wah Yan College playground, 2 p.m.

April 24—First Extra Race Meeting at Macao, 11.30 a.m.
April 27—Annual Hong Kong Inter-School Athletic Sports, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 1.45 p.m.

May 7—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

Meetings.

April 22—Telephone Co.'s second annual meeting, at Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

April 22—Meeting of all Company Commanders and Officers at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m. to discuss future training programme of the H.K.V.D. Corps.

April 22—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p.m.

Lammet's Auctions.
April 22—Tea, coloured waste and resin, China Provident Godown (No. 16) 11 a.m.

April 25—Valuable household furniture, 27, The Peak, Lugard Rd., 2.30 p.m.

L.I.C. Sports.
April 22—Lecture on Aerial Survey at H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

April 22—Civil Service Cricket Club Annual Dinner, Hotel Savoy, 8 p.m.

April 22—Paravol Service, St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. G. R. Lindsay, M.A.

April 22—Public Lecture at H.K. M. Institute, 7.30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

April 22—Beethoven centenary festival by Mr. Harry Ore, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

May 3—Dinner and Concert at Volunteer Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

May 3—Quarry Bay School holds spring festival, 11 a.m. Launch for visitors leaves Murray Pier, 10.30 a.m.

May 7—Annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Club, Hotel Savoy, 8 p.m.

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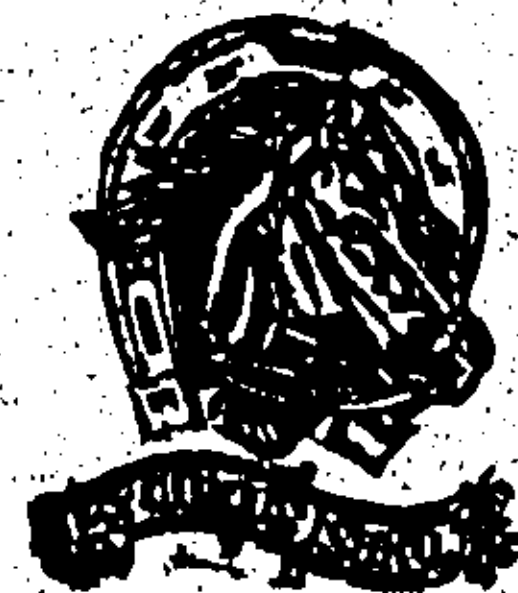
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coloured waste and a quantity of
resin will be auctioned by Messrs.
Lammet Brothers at the China
Providence godowns (No. 16) to-
morrow at 11 a.m.The greatest interest is being
taken by the Queen in the renova-
tion work in progress at the
Duke and Duchess of York's new
home, 146, Piccadilly. W. In
mail week she paid a visit to the
house and for more than an hour
wandered from room to room,
making a close inspection and
visualising the scheme of decoration.
At present every room is
filled with planks, plaster, and
piping, but there are still three
months before the Duke and
Duchess return from their tour,
and in that time the house will be
fitted out completely. It was in
the room proposed for the nursery
on the third floor that the
Queen seemed most interested,
and she spent some time wander-
ing round this room, where the
little Princess Elizabeth will
spend so much of her childhood.The "Manchester Guardian"
which is usually well-informed on
commercial affairs in the Far
East has sprung a surprise upon
local shareholders in rubber
undertakings by an announce-
ment, cabled out by Reuters, to
the effect that the market shows
a nervous list, the events in
China having an effect on the
Chinese workers on rubber
estates, says the "Straits Times."
This is certainly the first intima-
tion we have had in Malaya of
any instability on the market or
of rumoured labour troubles up-
country, neither have we heard
that precautions are being taken
against interference with the
output. Of late the tone of the
market has been steady though
quiet with sellers reserved. Tamil
labour is in the majority with
the tapping force and appears to
have settled down to the improv-
ed conditions of service. It is
difficult to conceive whence the
report emanated and why it is
perpetrated. Certainly it is as
unnecessary as it is unjustified.
The tin market does not reflect
any unrest among miners and
this surely is an indication that
alarmist views should be received
with much caution.Some years ago, remarks
the "Straits Times," we made an
effort on behalf of the postal
authorities to facilitate their
work and speed up the delivery
of local mails by suggesting that
greater respect might be accord-Mr. Hugh R. Wilson, Chief of
the Bureau of Current Informa-
tion, State Department, who has
been appointed America's Minis-
ter to Switzerland.ed the important condition that
postage stamps should be affixed
to the top right hand corner of
the address side of the envelope
or wrapper. The habits of some
people can never be changed. We
continue to receive many en-
velopes with the stamps placed
on the back to serve as flap
fasteners; others are stamped
anywhere but in the proper place
and not a few come through
insufficiently stamped. Ceylon
has evidently been experiencing
similar slipshodness for en-
velopes are arriving from
Colombo with an official intima-
tion printed over the stamp:
"Place stamp in upper right hand
corner." If a letter is worth
posting it surely must be valuable
enough to demand compliance
with a simple post office rule.One case of small-pox was
notified yesterday from the Kow-
loon registration district, the
patient being a Chinese. There
were two cases (one Chinese, one
Indian) of typhoid fever from the city;
and two Chinese cases of enteric
fever (typhoid), one from the city,
the other from Kowloon.Dr. Reisner, the American
Egyptologist, is of opinion that
the mummy of Queen Hetepheres
(wife of the Pharaoh Snefru),
whose tomb at Giza was found
empty, may still be found in a
niche of the western wall which
is closed with masonry. The
sarcophagus was found complete-
ly empty and as clean as when
made.The New York Metropolitan
Museum of Art has acquired
Sargent's famous portrait of the
Misses Wyndham, known as "The
Three Graces." Captain R. C.
Wyndham was unable to dispose
of the canvas in England because
the market for large pictures has
almost disappeared there with
the decrease in the number of
private art galleries.Members of the Royal
Household holding posts that are
frequently believed to be "purely
ornamental" often have curious
and little-known duties to per-
form. Among those certainly
falls one of the tasks devolving
on the Vice-Chamberlain, a
political appointment now held by
Major Sir George Hennessy,
M.P. It is his daily duty to pre-
pare a brief summary of the
day's happenings in Parliament
for the information of the King,
to whom this bulletin is sent at
about 7 p.m. His Majesty is
particular, however, that the
news contained in the bulletin
should be more than a re-hash of
the news contained in the even-
ing newspapers. A more in-
timate account of happenings at
Westminster is required, and a
record of the smaller but inter-
esting facts about politicians and
their doings must be compiled in
a severely condensed form. Sir
George Hennessy is popular with
all parties in the House and finds
no difficulty in gathering the news
items which he needs to make
interesting reading for the King
each evening.**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.**Mr. A. H. White of Messrs.
Douglas, LaPraik & Co., is due
back from Home leave next week
as he joined the P. & O. "Morea"
at Marseilles on April 1 to return
to Hong Kong.Two popular club functions are
down for to-morrow night. Civil
Service Cricket Club hold their
annual dinner at the Hotel Savoy
at 8 o'clock and the Peak Club
dance (at the Club) begins at
9.15.Among the passengers on the
P. & O. "Mantua," which sailed
on April 22 from London for
Hong Kong were Mr. and Mrs.
C. L. Blundell, Pay Comdr. L. R.
Barker, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. D. G.
Cairns, Mrs. D. and the Misses C.
and A. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. W.
Lloyd, Mrs. M. A. McCormack,
Comdr. E. J. Shelly, R.N., Mrs. W.
Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R.
Wills.The wedding was celebrated at
St. George's Cathedral, Penang,
the Rev. Keppel Garnier officiating,
of Thomas Ewart Mason, of Man-
field and Company, and Ellen Jane
Proudfoot, of the General Hospital.
The bride was given away by Mr.
McLeod Craik and attended by Miss
Cross as bridesmaid. Mr. Wakim-
ster was best man. After the cere-
mony a reception was given at the
hospital. Miss Reid, Matron, was
the hostess.The news of Earl Amherst's death
reached his son and heir, Capt.
Viscount Holmesdale, by wireless
on the Atlantic, when the White
Star liner "Olympic," in which he
was a passenger had completed
only half its 8,000-mile journey to
England. The new earl had hoped
to reach London in time to see his
father alive. In an interview he
said: "I have been a newspaper
reporter in New York for a long
time; and I am so fond of the work
that it is my fullest intention to
return to it in the near future."I wonder how many people daily
ring the bell of Lord Weir's house
in Adelphi Terrace in the belief
that Sir James Barrie lives there?
asks a gossip writer in the "Daily
Mail." Lord Weir's house is No.
3, Adelphi Terrace, and the gen-
eral belief is that it is Sir James
Barrie's house as well. As a mat-
ter of fact, Sir James Barrie lives
at 3, Adelphi Terrace House, in a
top-floor flat, which is just round
the corner from the terrace with
its unrivalled view over the gar-
dens and the Thames.Mr. and Mrs. W. Duffield, and
Master Duffield, are leaving Lon-
don on May 5 by the P. & O.
"Kalyan" for Hong Kong.Mr. G. Gerrard of Taikoo Dock
is expected back in the Colony
shortly, after leave at Home. He
sailed from London on March 25
by the P. & O. "Morea."A new photograph of Mr.
Ramsay MacDonald, who is mak-
ing arrangements to visit the
United States about Easter time.
He is making the trip in the in-
terests of his health and in order
to survey labour conditions in
that country.The gymnasium at Police
Headquarters was well filled with
members of the force, their wives
and friends last evening, for
another of the Police Recreation
Club dances.Lady Douglas Hall, Mr. J. A.
Worswick, Mr. R. K. Batchelor,
Mr. P. Bethell, R.N., Mr. H. S.
Forster, Mr. T. E. Hammond, Mrs.
Lawrence, Mr. J. F. C. Waghel-
muth are among the passengers
on the "Morea" which is due from
London (via Marseilles and Singa-
pore) on April 28.Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown and
Mr. R. J. Ballantyne, R.N., are
among the passengers on the
P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" which left
London on April 7 and is due in
Hong Kong next month.An instance of the sagacity of a
goose is reported from Bath. The
bird accompanies its owner when-
ever he goes for short walks in the
fields near his home. Peter, as the
goose is called—though of the
feminine gender, stands by his
owner's side while he talks
to friends, but if the conver-
sation is unduly long, says
the owner, the goose tugs at his
coat as a hint to proceed. When
the bird was unable to see its
human friend because he was ill in
bed, it fretted and kept calling for
him. So persistent was the goose
that it was taken to the foot of the
stairs to allow it to hear his voice.
Apparently satisfied, Peter gave
three cries of satisfaction and
walked out of the house. Peter,
adds the owner, is very obedient
and goes to bed when told to do so.The death has occurred at Flor-
ence of Prince Scipione Borghese,
head of the ancient and famous
Roman princely family. He was
aged only 56. In his youth he has
been a great sportsman, having,
among other things, won the fam-
ous Peking to Paris 10,000-mile
motor-car race and being the first
to cross Asia by motor-car. Prince
Borghese's grandmother was an
Englishwoman, formerly Miss
Gwendoline Talbot, whose good-
ness earned her the appellation of
saint among the Roman people. It
is recalled that his wife died tragically
in 1924 by drowning in Lake
Garda. After two expeditions to
Russia at the end of the war
Prince Borghese's health rapidly
declined and he was stricken with
paralysis. He leaves no male issue
and the title passes to his brother,
Prince Livio Borghese.The Federation of British In-
dustries is about to acquire a vigor-
ous new President as successor to
Sir Max Muppratt in Lord Galsford,
who has just been nominated. For
that capacity, and appears certain
of election at the annual meeting a
fortnight hence. Originally Mr.
Joseph Pease, of the well-known
colliery firm of Pease and Partners,
Lord Galsford has had a career in
which he has freely mixed indus-
trial enterprise, political achieve-
ment, and sport. He played Rugby
and polo for Cambridge, was mas-
ter of the University drag hounds,
and captained the Trinity Cricket
XI. Later he became master of his
own pack of hounds and, for six
years captained the Durham County
Cricket XI. He has the distinction
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twice won in the Parliamentary
steplechases and is still a keen
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siastic golfer.**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.****BEST PORTLAND CEMENT****SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**

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startling series of blows delivered by the Nationalists at the
Communist in China.Having heard, on the one hand, of outrages on British and
other foreigners in China by mobs instigated by Soviet agita-
tors, friends at Home will be very pleased to hear all about
the sensational new turn in developments.Persecution of foreigners continued this week. Reports
of such occurrences will make interesting reading side by side
with the connected narratives published daily and reproduced
in the "Overland China Mail."For a complete and connected description of the coup in
Canton, the "Overland" will suit all requirements.This week's number contains a further set of Shanghai
"crisis" photos.Readers will be told how Hong Kong spent Easter.
Explanations and copious footnotes will explain to people
elsewhere the mysteries of the War, about the political struggle
now being conducted in China, and about the "dismissal" of
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SPORTS SECTION

MACAO RACES.

"TIPS" FOR 1ST EXTRA MEETING.

PONIES WORTH FOLLOWING

By "Patrol." Ten very interesting races make up the card at Macao's 1st extra race meeting on Sunday.

The arrangements are in very good hands. At the first time of asking, the Stewards and officials made the inaugural meeting a grand success.

Hong Kong turfites can go over either on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning and return on Sunday evening.

A racing correspondent in Macao sends me the following "tips." His judgment is very sound and I shall be prepared to back them myself.

Ponies which won at the 2-day Inaugural meeting are designated thus *; those which were placed are marked with f.

Race 1, 1/2 Mile.
Plum Pudding 1
Veloz 2
Cherry Brandy 3

Race II, 6 Furlongs.
Tap Star 1
Lucky Star 2
Araia Preta 3

Race III, 1 1/4 Miles.
Flash Star 1
San Diego 2
Chin Lee Ku 3

Race IV, 1 Mile.
Chui Chow Ning 1
Kum Tong Hall 2
Four Nought Three 3

Race V, 7 Furlongs.
Salvo 1
Sun Ning 2
The Gift 3

Race VI, 6 Furlongs.
Shanghai Friend 1
Fu-Un 2
Little Sit Tang 3

Race VII, 9 Furlongs.
Dragon Boat 1
Chick To 2
Wild Fellow 3

Race VIII, 1 Mile.
Papyrus or The Baccarat 1
Ok Fee 2
Hon Sin or The Sand Piper 3

Race IX, 7 Furlongs.
Dick Lo 1
Yuen Sin 2
Gold Star 3

Race X, 5 Furlongs.
Plum Pudding 1
Cherry Brandy 2
Veloz 3
Lucky Star 4

Of the "Macao" ponies mentioned above, their performances at the Hong Kong Jockey Club 2nd extra meeting were as follows:

Flash Star: won Easter Plate, 1 1/2 miles.
Dragon Boat: 2nd in Beef Stakes, 1/2 mile.

Papyrus: 2nd in "A" class handicap, 1 1/4 miles.
Baccarat: won Second Aggregate Stakes (1 mile), 2nd in "A" class handicap, 1 mile.

Dick Lo: 4th in "A" class handicap, 6 furlongs.

"Hong Kong" ponies mentioned in the tips are: Plum Pudding, San Diego, Kum Tong Hall, Salvo, The Gift (late Solstice Eve), The Sandpiper.

CHARITY SOCCER.

TO-MORROW'S MATCH WITH THE ARMY.

Local football to-morrow, as far as is known, will be confined to the charity match at Sookumpoo, which Mrs. Luard (as President of the Military Branch of the Ministering Children's League) has organised.

Mrs. Luard is the wife of H.E. the General Officer Commanding in South China (Major-General C. C. Luard).

A team representing Hong Kong is to meet the Army. Hong Kong's team has been selected by the Football Association as follows:

Clark (Police); Wynne (Police); Li Fleming, E.N. (H.K.F.C.); Captain; C. F. Remedios (Recreio); Howard (H.K.F.C.); Lam Yuk-ying (Athletic).

Tao Kwai-shing (Athletic); Fung King-choing (South China); Gossau (Recreio); Suen Kam-shun (Athletic); Brown (Recreio).

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow is to kick-off at 4 p.m. The brass and pipe bands of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers will be in attendance from 3.30 p.m.

Full particulars were given in the "China Mail" this Tuesday.

NOT AN AMATEUR.

MISS MARY BROWNE AS A GOLFER.

DEBARRED IN AMERICA.

New York, April 21. Miss Mary Browne, one of the foremost women golfers of the country and former national women's lawn tennis champion, has been debarré from competing in any amateur golf tournament under the jurisdiction of the United States Golf Association.

Miss Mary Browne was held to have relinquished her amateur status in sport when she joined Mr. C. C. Eyle's tennis troupe last autumn with Miss Suzanne Lenglen.—Reuter's American Service.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES ON SUNDAY.

Starting times at the Fanling course of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club on Sunday are as follows:—

9.28 a.m. E. P. Fletcher, A. W. Hodges.
9.32 C. C. Stark, J. K. Shaw.
9.36 W. L. Alexander, D. M. Goodall.

9.40 A. W. H. Edie, J. F. Kennedy.
9.44 W. Douglas, M. Drevard.
9.48 N. L. Smith, L. R. Andrews.
9.52 B. D. Evans, C. W. Jeffries.
9.56 W. A. Butterfield, H. Sturt.
10.00 J. Harrop, S. T. Butlin.
10.04 R. M. Finlayson, W. D. Brown.

10.08 J. A. H. Plummer, S. H. Langston.
10.12 D. Forbes, W. J. Clerk.
10.16 W. M. Cox, E. D. Matthews.
10.20 W. N. Buyers, R. K. Hepburn.
10.24 D. J. Gilmore, K. S. Morrison.

10.28 W. L. Dunbar, W. E. Morris.
10.32 A. B. Raworth, V. M. Grayburn.
10.36 A. C. I. Bowker, C. A. Peel.
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SCHOOL SPORTS.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MEETING.

32 EVENTS YESTERDAY.

Success attended yesterday's 11th annual athletic sports meeting of St. Joseph's College, held on the H.K. Football Club ground, Happy Valley.

Thirty-two events were decided in an intermittent, light drizzle. C. Figueiredo won the College championship. He also won outright (two successive victories) the 440 yards challenge cup.

THE RESULTS.

Long Jump Junior: 1. C. Paley, 2. J. Mark.
Long Jump Senior: 1. Chan Hing, 2. V. Fernandes.

100 Yards Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. C. Santos.
100 Yards Senior: 1. C. Victor, 2. Lam Ho-yin.

100 Yards Handicap: 1. D. Alves, 2. R. Grestigo, 3. T. Alves.
High Jump Junior: 1. C. Paley, 2. J. Mark.

High Jump Senior: 1. Lau Ho-yin, 2. C. Wing Yau.
440 Yards Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. C. Santos.

440 Yards Senior: 1. C. Figueiredo, 2. V. Fernandes.
120 Yards Handicap (St. Louis Industrial School): 1. Lai Ting, 2. Wai Yuen, 3. Lee Tak.

120 Yards Handicap (Kai Lap School): 1. Chan Kin, 2. Sue Tang, 3. Sak Kwan.

220 Yards Handicap Junior: 1. R. Campos, 2. Eng Leon.
220 Yards Senior: 1. D. Leonard, 2. Victor.

220 Yards Invitation relay race: 1. St. Paul's College.
Sack Race: 1. C. Victor, 2. A. Pereira.

Three Miles Bicycle race: 1. P. Silva, 2. P. Chan.
220 Yards Handicap (Italian Convent): 1. C. Barros, 2. R. Murphy, 3. D. Leonard.

Inter-Class relay race, junior: 1. Class 5B.
120 Yards Handicap (St. Mary's School): 1. H. Souza, 2. J. Wong, 3. A. Mills.

1 mile Junior: 1. J. A. Cruz, 2. J. Murphy.
120 Yards Handicap (French Convent): 1. J. Walker, 2. I. Frith, 3. N. Zimmern.

Inter-Class relay race Senior: 1. Class 1.
Ambulance race: 1. Ho Siu-yan, 2. Wu Pak-chen.

Scouts race: 1. Liu Iu-hong, 2. Tang Yan-sheng.
Hurdle race Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. C. Santos.

Hurdle race Senior: 1. C. H. Leon, 2. C. Wing Yau.
120 Yards Handicap (St. Francis School): 1. M. Fisher, 2. M. Bowen, 3. A. Xavier.

Half Mile Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. S. Lau.
Half Mile Senior: 1. C. Figueiredo, 2. A. Mills.

120 Yards potato race: 1. A. Carvalho, 2. E. Lim.
Kok-yu, 2. A. Pereira.

Consultation race Senior: 1. A. Silva Netto, 2. P. A. Xavier.

Among Old Friends.
Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools) presented the prizes.

He said: "I do want to thank you all for asking me to come and distribute the prizes to-day. I always enjoy coming to St. Joseph's College because I always get a warm welcome and am made to feel that I am amongst very old friends."

"I would like to congratulate the winners—and not only the winners—but all those who took part, and with their grim determination made the sport the success it has proved to be."

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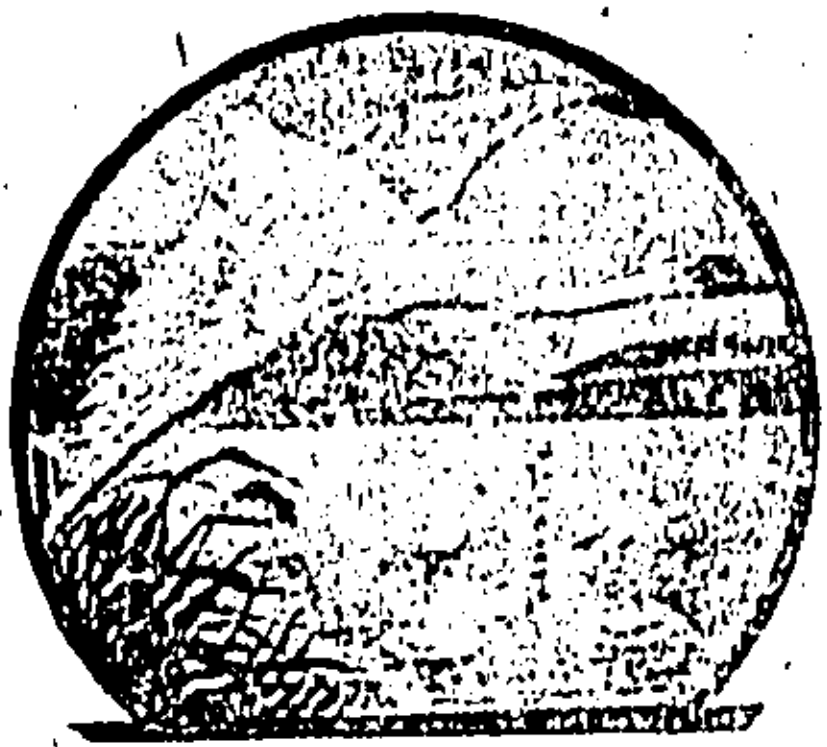
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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 22, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

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T.T. on London	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	103 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2
do. London	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Chartered Bank	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
do. C.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
P. & O. Bank	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Bank of East Asia	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	5600	5600	5600
China Underwriters	80 cts	80 cts	80 cts
North China Insurance	1143	1143	1143
Union Insurance	286	286	286
Yangtze Insurance	58 M.	58	58
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	205	205	205
H.K. Fire Insurance	600	600	600
Shipping.			
Douglases	31	31	31



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MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

QUEEN AT CINEMA.

"THE WILLOW PATTERN
PLATE."

The Queen was present at a special performance of "The Legend of the Willow Pattern Plate," given at the New Gallery, Regent-street, in aid of the Queen Alexandra wing of the New Middlesex Hospital and St. Monica's Home Hospital for Children. The Queen, who was attended by Mabel Countess of Airlie, Lady Joan Verney, and Mr. Gerald Chichester, her assistant private secretary, was received on arrival by Lord Ashfield, the Dowager Countess of Gosford, the Hon. Ursula Lawley, Lady Bland-Sutton, Sir Richard Mathias, Captain N. A. Pogoan, and Mr. Herbert A. Bromhead. Miss Ursula Laird presented a bouquet of flowers. In the front row of the Royal enclosure in the company of the Queen, were the Princess Royal, Princess Arthur of Connaught, Lady Maud Carnegie, Princess Helena Victoria, and Princess Marie Louise.

The film, which was presented by the Gaumont Company, in conjunction with Captain Pogoan, follows the legend of the willow pattern plate as it is told by word of mouth in the East. It is entirely British in conception and production. The scenario was drawn up by Mr. W. H. Jansen, the producer, who decided that its presentation should be Chinese in every possible detail. The interior scenes were done in the Shanghai studios and the exterior scenes at Hangchow. A number of Chinese, who had had no previous experience of film work, were engaged and specially trained for the various parts. There was a delightful and a very natural representation of pretty Kin-chi (Mary Lee), the heroine of Chang-woo, the lover with whom she runs away rather than marry old Tah-jin, and of the other characters that go to make up a singularly beautiful piece of work. The story ends with the self-immolation of Kin-chi on the body of her lover, and the ascent of their souls to heaven in the form of doves. Mr. Kitchen, the musical director of the New Gallery, gave a special programme of appropriate music. The play has been running in China and Chinese-speaking countries since the beginning of the summer. The first performance was witnessed outside the countries of the Far East, and at the end the Queen expressed herself as having enjoyed it very much. Before her Majesty left, a short film was exhibited showing her arrival at the cinema a little more than an hour earlier.

"GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES."

The Lord Chamberlain, Lord Cromer, has—for the moment—refused to grant a licence for the public production in London of the stage version of Miss Anita Loos's "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

Mr. Edgar Selwyn, the American manager who has come to London to present the play in association with Mr. Gilbert Miller, said:

I understand that the theme is considered permissible, but that certain of the lines are not. I am hopeful that the lines in question may be altered or taken out.

The play is to be done in London next month if the Lord Chamberlain's permission can be obtained. It is hoped that Mr. G. P. Huntley, who has not acted in London for some years, will be in the cast.

For the parts of the two girls, Loreli and her friend, Mr. Selwyn has in mind Miss June Walker and Miss Edna Hibbard, who played in the American production.

\$5,000 FOR TAPESTRY.

A late Gothic tapestry, 10ft. 6in. square Burgundian, early 16th century, was sold for \$5,000 at Messrs. Sotheby's to Mr. J. M. Botbol antique dealer, Hanway-street, W.

It is silk and wool, woven with a scene of a queen on a throne and surrounded by her Court, handing a letter to a messenger, while her maids of honour are handing other letters to another messenger.

"WHAT PRICE GLORY"

FILM THAT MAY PROVOKE
CONTROVERSY.

BRUTAL LOVE-MAKING.

"What Price Glory," the unabashedly realistic film which began its run at the Plaza, Lower Regent-street, Piccadilly Circus, is not so much a war film as a picture of life in the United States Army, writes the "Daily Mail's" film critic. It shows in all its intensity the long rivalry between two first-rate professional soldiers. Their enmity flares up first when they are stationed in the Philippines, breaks out again in China, and reaches its culmination behind the lines in France.

Both these military heroes are vigorous and recognisable types. Plagg, while conscientious and fine as a soldier, as a man is a great, loud-louding, swarming brute, with a tiny core of sentiment lurking inside his gigantic frame. Quirt is more polished, more crafty, but equally efficient at his job.

They respect each other in a way. But each fancies himself as a lady-killer, and it is during their gross, almost repulsive attempts at love-making that their quarrels occur. They both regularly pursue the same "skirt," and the fact that their sweethearts are of the oncoming type and confer favours on both men only makes things worse.

Fine British Actor.

Unstinted praise goes to Mr. Victor McLaglan, former boxer, miner, Guardsman, and British film actor, for his magnificent performance as Captain Plagg. He rivets the attention of the audience throughout by his naturalness, his sincerity, and the power of his acting. Mr. Edmund Lowe is only just less good as Sergeant Quirt.

The production of "What Price Glory" as a whole is broad, sweeping, stuffed with character, atmosphere, and reality. The photography, too, is beautifully clear and round, and helps the illusion that the action takes place in the world of men and not in a film studio. Even the careful pictures of soldiers "mouthing loud oaths" contribute to this effect.

But the film will not please everyone all of the time, though it may provoke more discussion than any picture since "Intolerance."

Forced Sentiment.

Individual incidents, such as Plagg's pushing his way along the trench heartening his men, Kiper's detection in giving his officer "the bird," and the dramatic game of cards at the end are fine. But there are other tedious moments, and some rather disgusting ones.

And while the picture has been acclaimed in America for its anti-war propaganda and for its sentiment, both will be regarded here as slightly forced. In any case, one short scene in the British film "Mademoiselle from Armentieres"—that of the Old Soldier and the Young Soldier, before they go

BUYING OF PICTURES

EFFORTS TO REVIVE A
HABIT.

Sir William Orpen, R.A., president at the first meeting, held at the Arts Club, London, of the committee of eminent artists who are to select pictures for the national series of exhibitions promoted under Sir Joseph Duveen's scheme for helping lesser-known British artists by finding a market for their work. Sir Martin Conway, chairman of the executive committee of the scheme, recapitulated its main outlines, and described it as calculated to improve the market, not only for the work of lesser-known artists, but for the work of all British artists. The picture-buying habit, which was strong twenty years ago, had dropped out in the face of fierce competition from other luxury commodities. To revive that habit was an essential factor in any practical scheme to help British artists.

In the discussion that followed the only question raised was whether the limitation of exhibits to pictures of not more than £50 in price would prove derogatory to the income of better-known artists generally. The answer made to this point was that it was to assume that picture buying could be re-established by means of highly-priced pictures. If the market was to be recovered at all a certain concession was needed for the purposes of business promotion or market creation. Just as big business firms set aside definite sums for business creation, so must the artistic community realise that they could not recover lost markets without some concession. The buyer to-day of a small cheap motor-car was the potential buyer of next year's luxurious limousine, and similarly this year's buyer of a £50 picture was the potential buyer of next year's masterpiece. The habit or appetite must first be created, and to do this every effort and, if necessary, every concession must be made.

The committee then discussed plans for allocating among themselves the work of picture selection—a task which, in view of the large number of participants in the scheme, promises to be a very heavy one.

"over the top"—said far more, and more eloquently, about the horrid reality of war than the diary entries, ravings, and sub-titles of "What Price Glory."

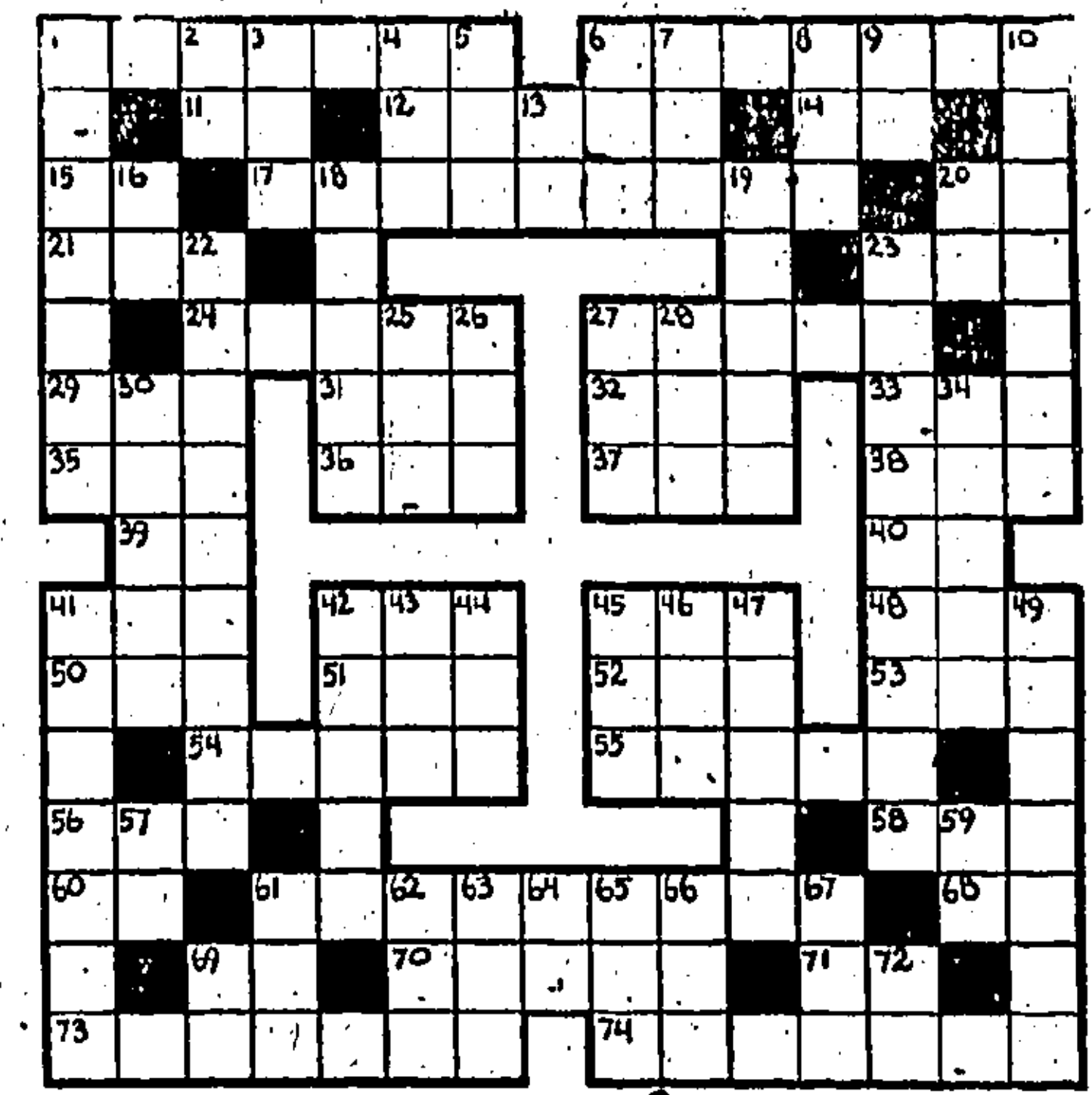
But propaganda and a good deal of unnecessary and brutal love-making apart, the film is praiseworthy, because it puts on the screen rough heroes in whom we can believe wholeheartedly, men grimed with blood and dirt, noisy with curses, but able now and then to thrill us with the crude nobility of their kind.



Alexander Znamensky, formerly a member of the Imperial Russian Opera, dressed in rich native Russian Boyar costume and accompanied by two other fair masqueraders, entertained the great Fete de Nuit which is featured every year in Quebec City and was this year one of the outstanding items in the program of the Winter Sports Season which has had a very successful ten weeks run at the Ancient Capital. The trio are shown standing just outside the Chateau Frontenac. Znamensky took part in the singing of the old French-Canadian folk-songs while rockets and fireworks of all kinds lit up the old fortifications and the citadel. Ski and Snowshoe Clubs sent out large contingents in costume to swell the ranks of the masqueraders and this year's carnival was by universal consensus of opinion described as one of the best ever staged in Quebec.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Alleviate
- 6-To pole
- 11-Maiden loved by Jupiter
- 12-Ancient name of Lake Geneva
- 14-Toward
- 15-Road (abbr.)
- 17-Modern voice transmitter
- 20-Exists
- 21-Before
- 23-Dexterity
- 24-Trivial
- 27-Oven-cooked (abbr.)
- 29-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 31-To clash
- 32-N. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 33-Prefix. Asunder
- 35-Mischiefous child
- 38-Combining form. Far
- 37-Place of repose
- 38-Boy's name
- 39-What
- 40-Prefix. Into
- 41-Cry of sheep
- 42-Senate (abbr.)
- 45-Feminine noun ending
- 48-Little sister
- 49-Vase
- 51-Also

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-Coal-receptacle
- 53-Rested
- 54-Infect
- 55-Reduce the speed of
- 56-Observation (abbr.)
- 58-Expire
- 60-Fifty-one (Roman)
- 61-Draw
- 62-Township (abbr.)
- 63-A theological degree (abbr.)
- 70-A bird
- 71-Latin for gold (abbr.)
- 73-Partaining to heat
- 74-Impressed

VERTICAL

- 1-A sliver of the Rhine
- 2-Gills (abbr.)
- 3-Pungent
- 4-Addition to side of house
- 6-Born (Fr.)
- 8-Interjection. Nonsense
- 7-Prefix. Upward
- 9-Corroded
- 10-A negative
- 12-Rapture
- 13-Member of Parliament (abbr.)
- 16-Either
- 18-A number
- 19-Rare

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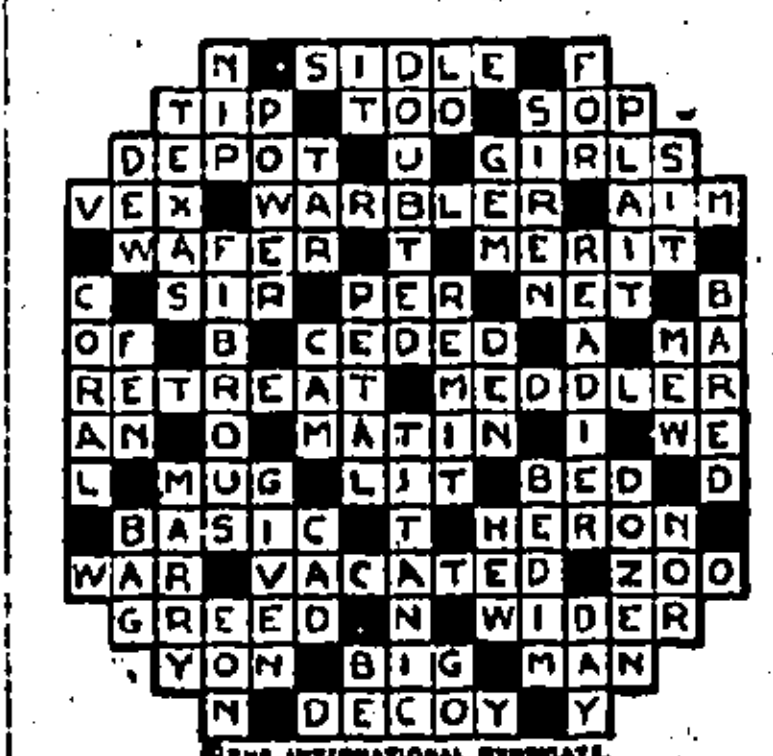
- 20-A nation of W. Europe (abbr.)
- 22-Large animal (pl.)
- 23-Accosted
- 25-Hasten
- 26-To take leave (abbr.)
- 27-Cut short
- 28-Part of "to be"
- 30-Stain
- 34-Region of W. Asia
- 41-Pastoral
- 42-Allowance
- 43-An age
- 44-Negative adverb
- 45-Decline
- 46-Title of address
- 47-Serpent
- 49-Macroted
- 57-Blameth (abbr.)
- 59-Pronoun
- 61-Fuss
- 62-Prefix. Three
- 63-Legendary bird
- 64-Culture degree (abbr.)
- 65-Prefix. On this side
- 66-A powerful explosive (abbr.)
- 67-Rustle
- 68-Decilitre (abbr.)
- 72-Toward a higher place

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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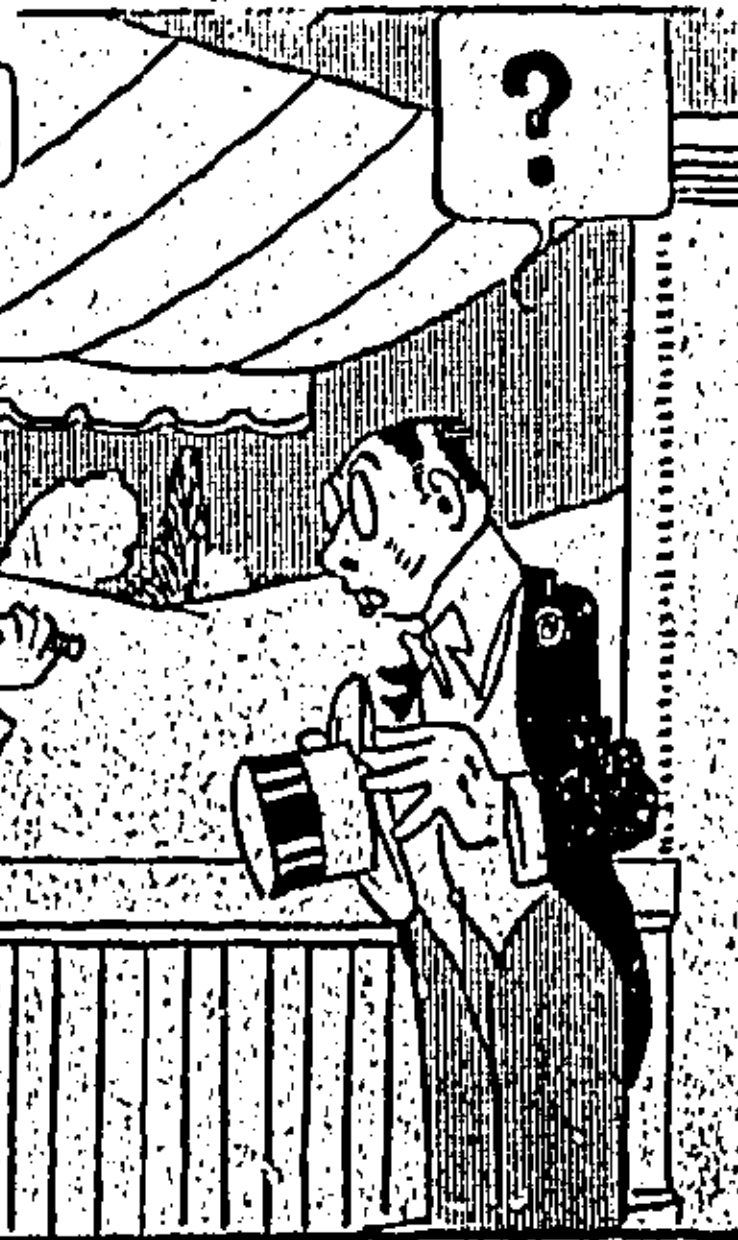
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Mrs. Jane Ann Jewell, of King Street, Emsworth, Hampshire, is 101.

Birmingham master bakers are to reduce the price of the 4lb. loaf by a 1/4d.

Three children were rescued from a burning house in the east end of Glasgow by two young men.

The exhibition of Belgian and Flemish art at the Royal Academy was viewed by 159,154 people.

In the Thames off Woolwich Arsenal the steamers "Canadian Raider" and "Duquesne" were in collision, both vessels being damaged.

The Devil's Dyke, a famous beauty spot which in 1925 was scheduled for protection under the Ancient Monuments Act, has been sold privately.

The Associated Daimler Company, of Walthamstow, E., have received an order for 70 omnibus chassis, for use in Avellaneda, a suburb of Buenos Aires.

Tees Conservancy Commission adopted a scheme for the widening and deepening of the channel of the River Tees so as to make it capable of accommodating the largest liners afloat. The scheme involves estimated expenditure of over £500,000, and will take five or six years to complete.

Quadrangles were ablaze with bonfires at Oxford in the early hours when the undergraduates celebrated their victories at the Torpids races on the river. The police turned a deaf ear and a blind eye to the carousals, though the Proctor's office was on the Friday thronged with dejected revellers awaiting their doom.

Babe Ruth, the King of American baseball stars, has agreed to sign the new contract put forward by his club, the New York Yankees, which gives him a salary of 70,000 dollars (about £14,000) a year for three years, says a York correspondent. As the highest-paid player in the baseball world, Babe Ruth will receive only £1,000 a year less than President Coolidge.

Thomas Donohoe, of Ballinamona has died at the age of 107 years.

Ten thousand passengers have flown between London and Paris in Imperial Airway liners during the past twelve months.

The Queen attended the matinee at the Princes Theatre in aid of the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, of which Princess Mary is president.

It is reported from Dungannon that the Earl of Ranfurly has decided to dispose of his estate at Dungannon in consequence of the crushing weight of taxation.

Mr. Bernhard Baron, the tobacco manufacturer, who recently gave £10,000 to the London Hospital towards the building of a new pathological department, has now made a further gift of £25,000 for its endowment.



Mrs. Alice Foote MacDougall, who, starting in the restaurant business in New York five years ago by giving away waffles with a cup of coffee, has built herself up so extensive a business that she has just signed a million dollar lease for premises on Fifty-seventh Street, New York, where she conducts a business as coffee broker and restaurant operator. She did a business last year amounting to \$2,000,000.

The rotary system of traffic has been introduced into Sloane-square, Chelsea, S.W.

A painting by Both of "A Lake Scene," realised £220 10s. at Messrs. Christie's.

A woman at Clerkenwell County Court said she could not remember the date of her marriage.

The Cambridge Union Society has decided to withdraw from the National Union of Students.

Prince Chichibu, heir-presumptive to the Japanese throne, will not resume his studies at Oxford University.

Southend Council approved of the erection of an electricity generating station at Hole Haven, Canvey Island, at a cost of £649,000.

More than £500,000 is to be spent in deepening and widening the River Tees for about 12 miles, and in reclaiming a considerable area of land.

With 31 previous convictions dating from 1875, Thomas Williams, 75, a pick-pocket, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour at Birmingham.

Howard Sergeant (32), a smallholder, of Somersham, Hunts, was found decapitated on the L.N.E. Railway about half a mile from his home. He leaves a widow and two children.

The Union of Post Office Workers propose to ask for child endowment by the State for Civil servants with three or more dependent children.

Mr. W. G. Graham (79), a retired lighthouse-keeper, and his wife (78), have died within a few hours of each other at Plymouth. They had been married nearly sixty years.

Gold has been discovered in the Darling ranges, 18 miles from Perth. The average sample assay value is nearly 2.40 ounces. Claims have been quickly pegged out.

Britain, Germany, and France are each to attempt to beat the long distance non-stop aeroplane record of 3,345 miles, created by Captains Cortes and Rignat in October last, when they flew from Paris to Jask, in Persia.

Captain R. H. McIntosh, an Imperial Airways pilot, created a new air record by flying non-stop from London to Berlin in four and three-quarter hours on March 3. The average speed for the 620 miles flight was 130 miles an hour.

At the height of a terrific easterly gale, on March 3, the framework of the huge pavilion being erected at Holyhead for the accommodation of 11,000 people at the National Eisteddfod, to be held during the first week in August, collapsed.

Mr. William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, and district master of the Essex Bellringers' Association, has been presented with a silver cup to mark his long service. He has rung bells in every county in England except Rutland.

An Egham, Surrey, errand boy, aged 16, who stole a £1 note and was said to have given his sweetheart a bracelet on her birthday, was bound over at Chertsey for 12 months on condition that he did not attend dances.

Ashington, Northumberland, miners have tabled a resolution calling for the resignation of Mr. William Straker, secretary of Northumberland Miners' Association, who recently, in a speech at Newcastle, pleaded for a spirit of conciliation in industry.

Another demonstration against the proposed alternative prayer book was held when a procession of about 100 clergy and laity of the Church of England marched from Westminster to Lambeth Palace, where the Bishops were in conference, and handed in a "final remonstrance."

Two theatrical companies left London in mail week—Mr. Seymour Hicks and his company going to Birmingham, where "Mr. What's His Name" is to be produced, and Mr. Charles B. Cochran and his "Castles in the Air" company to Blackpool.

As Greenwich Pier has developed into a popular promenade in the summer months, the T.C.C. are to provide further seating accommodation and improve the lighting. They are also to erect another elementary school on the Eltham Housing Estate, Woolwich, at a cost of £37,000.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers)	23	
London 24th March		Santhia.
Shanghai		Soochow.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	25	President Adams.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	25	President Jefferson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	25	Shinyo Maru.
Japan & Shanghai		Amazone.
Amoy		Talpa.
Saigon		Athos II.
THURSDAY, APRIL	23	
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FRIDAY, APRIL	29	
Japan & Shanghai		Malwa.
SUNDAY, MAY	1	
Straits		Suwa Maru.
MONDAY, MAY	9	
Manila		Empress of Asia.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
Samohi & Wuchow	22	
Swatow		Tai Hing
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Hong Hwa
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Shantung
Manila, Australia & New Zealand	23	
via Thursday Island - due Thursday 10th May. Registration 8.30 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.		Aki Maru.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles - due Marseilles 22nd May. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		Katori Maru.
Straits, Lourenco-Marques & South Africa		Kanagawa Maru.
Wei Hai Wei	10.30 a.m.	
Batavia	2.30 p.m.	Kueichow
Swatow	2.30 p.m.	Tjisaroea
Amoy	3.30 p.m.	Luchow
Amoy & Foochow	5 p.m.	Antung
Saigon	5 p.m.	Hal Ching
	5 p.m.	Phum Pénh
SUNDAY, APRIL	24	
*Swatow & Bangkok		Kwangchow
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	8.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	9 a.m.	Hozan Maru
MONDAY, APRIL	25	
Straits & Ceylon		Sul Sang.
Letters 1 p.m.		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America		
*Europe via San Francisco - due San Francisco 19th May & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		President McKinley.
Manila		President Adams.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	8.30 a.m.	Menate Maru.
Straits, Lourenco-Marques & South Africa	8.30 a.m.	Talkwa Maru.
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Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Noon	Hal Hong.

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Rugby, April 21.
Four aeroplanes under the command of Commodore Samson have arrived at Capetown, having completed the flight from Cairo without hitch.

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Fifteen States.

An important international air conference opens at London next Monday. Sir Phillip Sassoon, Under Secretary for Air, will preside.

The conference originally consisted only of the representatives of the Allied Powers, but it has been extended to include delegates from other States.

Fifteen countries in addition to Great Britain and the Dominions have been invited to participate at this conference. It thus becomes in the true sense of the word international.

On Tuesday the Government will entertain the visitors to a banquet.

Women As Pilots.

One interesting subject on the agenda is that of the competency of women to pilot commercial aircraft.

From the technical aspect one of the most important suggestions is that of standard international minimum requirements for the issue of certificates of airworthiness, and unification of the characteristics required for materials used in aeronautical construction.

—British Wireless Service.

"Planes to War on Insects."

London, April 6.
Addressing the Institution of Aeronautical Engineers, Mr. Dudley Wright suggested the use of the aeroplane for distributing insecticides to exterminate insect pests in plantations in the British Empire.

CLASH WITH MARINES.

NICARAGUAN LIBERALS' LOSSES.

Managua, April 21.
United States Marines have been in action against a company of Nicaraguan liberals, carrying Red Flags and wearing red handbands, who attempted to capture the village of Posoltega in defiance of the United States authorities' order that there must be no fighting within 2,000 feet of the railway.

After a skirmish in which the Marines suffered no casualties the Liberals fled, leaving three dead.
[An earlier message stated: American marines who were fired on three times last night, to-day returned fire without suffering casualties.]

SERIOUS AMERICAN FLOODS.

Memphis, Tenn., April 21.
In consequence of the growing menace of flood disaster in the lower Mississippi Valley the situation is very grave. It is estimated that hitherto 4,000,000 acres have been flooded, and 100,000 people are rendered homeless.

Communications are seriously impaired and the streets in many townships have become floating whirlpools, where boats, men, animals and household goods are tossed wildly hither and thither.

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For the present, however, he will reduce the number of his public engagements as much as possible.

He returns from Chequers next Monday in readiness for the re-assembling of Parliament on the following day.

Later in the year he hopes to fulfil a programme of engagements which has been made for him, including the addressing of mass meetings in England and Scotland.

—British Wireless Service.

DUKE OF YORK.

TRAGIC AIR EVENT MARS WELCOME.

Melbourne, April 21.

A tragedy marred Victoria's rapturous welcome to the Duke and Duchess of York. The "Renown," escorted by four warships and 40 aeroplanes had steamed up the bay as close as possible inshore for the benefit of the crowds on beaches, though misty squalls spoil the spectacular effect.

The weather cleared sufficiently not to interfere with the imposing landing ceremonies. The aeroplanes stunted over the barge on which the Duke and Duchess of York landed on shore and continued to escort the procession through nine miles of decorated city and suburban streets.

The lined up troops were tumultuously cheering crowds but the cheers were changed into cries of horror when, as the procession was entering the grounds of the Government House, two aeroplanes, only a few hundred feet up, collided with a sickening impact and crashed in flames. They fell onto a garage which was set afire and four airmen were killed.

Their Highnesses did not witness the accident though they were only half a mile away.—Reuter.

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